



## **528<sup>TH</sup> SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE** **(SPECIAL OPERATIONS) (AIRBORNE)**

### ***BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH***

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## **Col. Daniel K. Rickleff** **Commander**

Born in Prairie du Chien, Wis., Col. Daniel K. Rickleff enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard on March 17, 1987, as a utilities repairer. He entered active duty as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps after graduating from Winona State University as a distinguished military graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He holds a master's degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University.

Rickleff's military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and U.S. Army War College Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Rickleff's first assignment was at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He served as the mechanical maintenance platoon leader and Shop Officer in Company D, 801st Main Support Battalion (MSB) and the support operations maintenance officer for 626th Forward Support Battalion.



Upon completion of Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, in August 1996, as the logistics maintenance officer. In December 1997, he was assigned to the 25th ID Support Command, where he served as the human resources officer/adjutant. In June 1999, he assumed command of Company B, 725th MSB.

In August 2000, he became the 725th MSB Operations Officer. He was assigned to the Joint Chief of Staff J-7 at the Pentagon as an intern in June 2001 and was later assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, as a special assistant. Upon completion of the Marine Corps Command & Staff College in June 2004, Rickleff was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Support Command, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), as the Materiel Officer, Division Materiel Management Center.

In June 2005, he was assigned to the 561st Combat Support Battalion, where he served as the Support Operations Officer at Fort Campbell and in Iraq. In March 2007, he was assigned to the Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., serving as the executive officer to the chief of ordnance. In March 2009, he assumed command as the 129<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion commander for 34 months at Fort Campbell and deployed to the Helmand Province, Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with one Bronze Star), Southwest Asia Service Medal (with three Campaign Stars), Afghan Campaign Medal (with two Campaign Stars), Iraqi Campaign Medal (with two Campaign Stars), Global War

on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (4th Award), and the NATO Medal. He also holds the JCS Identification Badge, Army Staff Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.