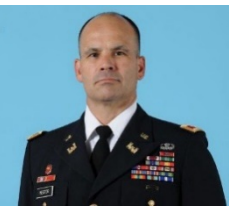


Course Title: Setting the Theater to Enable Combatant Command Operations

Abstract: Setting the Theater to Enable Combatant Command Operations will describe how USAFRICOM will set the theater by aligning/optimizing forces, footprints, agreements, authorities, capabilities and understanding to enable day-to-day activities, crisis response, and contingency operations. Intent is to establish posture locations that are designed to support operations in austere and challenging locations within the African continent, leveraging commercial resources where available to assist in this endeavor.

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Colonel Nestor is USAFRICOM's Set the Theater Line of Effort Integrator. The mission of USAFRICOM, with partners, is to strengthen security forces, counter transnational threats, and conduct crisis response in order to advance U.S. National interests and promote regional security, stability, and prosperity. Colonel Nestor's team objective is to guide the alignment of forces, footprints, authorities, agreements, capabilities, and understanding in order to conduct steady-state activities, crisis response, and contingency operations.

Colonel Nestor was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in 1996 after graduation from the University of Notre Dame. He began his career serving in the 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany. Later, he served with the 4th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado from 2001-2004. During the four years he served in the 4th Engineer Battalion, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (I-II) conducting continuous combat operations in the vicinity of Kirkuk, Iraq. From 2005-2007, Colonel Nestor served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Los Angeles District as both an Area Commander and leader of the Commander's Initiatives Group. During his assignment with the Los Angeles District, he deployed with the Afghanistan Engineer District (2005) as a project engineer overseeing the construction of an Afghan National Army Camp in Mazar-e-Sharif.

Colonel Nestor served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Tulsa District as the Deputy District Commander (2012-2014) immediately prior to taking command of the 8th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. He commanded the 8th Brigade Engineer Battalion (June 2014 – May 2016) and deployed the battalion to the Republic of Korea in the vicinity of Camp Casey/Hovey as part of the first 9-month rotational Brigade Combat Team supporting the 2nd Infantry Division. Following battalion command, Colonel Nestor was assigned to U.S. Africa Command as the Engineer Branch Chief (2016 – 2018) and Set the Theater Line of Effort Integrator (2018-present).

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