



# ROBIN GENTRY

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**C**ol. Robin Gentry is chief of staff for Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va. He assumed his position in July 2010.

DLA Aviation is the aviation demand and supply manager for Defense Logistics Agency with more than 3,500 civilian and military personnel in 18 locations across the United States. DLA Aviation supports more than 1,800 weapon systems and is the U.S. military's integrated materiel manager for more than 1.1 million national stock number items, industrial retail supply and depot-level repairable acquisitions.

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Born in Dallas, Col. Gentry was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1983. During his first assignment with Company A, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, he completed three deployments to Norway, one as an exchange officer with the Norwegian Engineers. Additionally, he deployed as part of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in 1986.

From 1987-89, Col. Gentry was executive officer of Marine Detachment USS Coral Sea. He then served as operation officer and later engineer officer at Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Beaufort, S.C. While there, he deployed to the Persian Gulf as part of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in support of Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

In 1994, Col. Gentry became a cost analyst in the Studies and Analysis Division of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va. While there, he participated as a field

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analyst in the Commandant's Warfighting Lab "Hunter Warrior" experiment at 29 Palms, Calif.

In 1997, Col. Gentry became commanding officer of Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. In 1999 he transferred to the Facilities Engineer Division at Marine Corps Bases Japan as the operation officer and the Special Action Committee for Okinawa officer.

He next served as branch head for joint experimentation with Marine Forces Atlantic, G-8. While there, he was command screened for assignment as the inspector-instructor, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Baltimore.

In 2004, Col. Gentry's was assigned to the Joint Staff's J-3 Joint Operations Directorate, J-34 Deputy Director of Anti-Terrorism and Homeland Defense. He was an action officer for domestic counter-drug operations there before becoming the division head for the Joint Director of Military Support. While there, he coordinated DoD support to the Hurricane Katrina disaster, President Ford's state funeral, development of the CBRNE Consequence Management Response Force and other civil support missions.

Next he was assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan, Col. Gentry deployed to Kuwait as the officer in charge of the MARCENT Coordination Element. He returned to III MEF as assistant chief of staff for logistics, and later became the chief of staff. Before coming to DLA in 2010, he was assigned as the deputy for the Director of Reserve Affairs, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, at Marine Corps Headquarters in Quantico.

Col. Gentry is a graduate of the Marine Corps Basic School, Basic Combat Engineer Officer Course, Army Engineer Officer Advanced Course and Advanced Logistics Officer Course.

He holds a bachelor's of science degree in engineering Technology from Texas A&M University; a Master of Science degree in Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., where he studied as a defense systems analyst; and a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.