

COL Lourdes A. Costas



Lourdes Costas is a native of Sumter, South Carolina. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in History with a concentration in Black History and African American Studies from the University of South Carolina, where she also earned her commission as an Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Officer in 2002 (go Gamecocks). COL Costas also holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College AWC, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and a Master's Degree in Leadership Studies from the University of Texas, El Paso.

COL Costas is the Brigade Commander of 3rd Air Defense Artillery Brigade, located at Ft. Sill Oklahoma.

Prior to Brigade Command, COL Costas served as the Division Chief for Defensive Fires, DAMO-Fires, HQDA G-3/5/7. Prior to that assignment, COL Costas served as a Military Assistant for the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Christine E. Wormuth.

From June 2019 – June 2022, Lourdes served as the Battalion (BN) Commander of 3-2 ADA BN, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From May 2020 - May 2021, she was forward deployed with her BN to the US Central Command Area of Operations. Prior to that assignment, COL Costas was assigned to the Joint Staff, J7 located in Suffolk, Virginia and served as the Missile Defense Exercise Planner from August 2016 – May 2019.

COL Costas served as the Brigade (BDE) Operations Officer in 69th ADA BDE, Fort Hood, Texas from May 2016 – June 2016. From July 2014 – May 2015, Lourdes served as the BN Operations Officer in 1-62 ADA BN, Fort Hood, Texas. Prior to that assignment, COL Costas served as the BN Operations Officer and BN Executive Officer in 1-56 ADA BN, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, from April 2012 - June 2013. She also served as an ADA Captain's Career Course Instructor in 1-56 ADA BN from August 2011 – April 2012.

COL Costas served as the BDE Assistant Operations Officer in 69th ADA BDE, Fort Hood, Texas, and deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar from July 2010 - July 2011. From October 2008 - December 2009, Lourdes served as the Battery Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery/ 1-44 ADA BN, Fort Hood, Texas. Prior to that, she served as the Battery Commander of Delta Battery/ 1-44th ADA BN at Fort Bliss, Texas from April 2007 – September 2008. In August of 2007, COL Costas' Battery executed a 12-month rotation to Camp Carroll Republic of Korea (RoK). Prior to her battery command time, Lourdes served in various staff positions at the battalion level and served as a Platoon Leader at the battery level.

COL Costas' military education includes; the United States Army War College, Academic Year 22, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; the Joint Combined Warfighting School (JCWS) at Norfolk, Virginia; Command and General Staff College resident class 14-01 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; ADA Captain's Career Course and ADA Officer Basic Course both at Fort Bliss, Texas; Army Basic

Instructors Course and Small Group Instructor Trainer Course; Equal Opportunity Leaders Course; Joint Planners Course; and Airborne School.

COL Costas is married to LTC Rob Ferryman and they have three children.