



Maj. Gen. Michel M. Russell Sr.

Commanding General, 1st Theater Sustainment Command

Maj. Gen. Michel M. Russell Sr. joined the United States Army Reserve in 1983 as an enlisted field artilleryman. In 1987, he graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York and was commissioned as a second lieutenant from Fordham University ROTC as a distinguished military graduate. His first duty assignment was 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment in Germany where he served in battery-level leadership positions.

In 1991, Russell was detailed to the Ordnance Corps. After graduation from the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, he served as the battalion S1, company commander, and support operations officer for the Task Force XXI Test Team in the 2d Armored Division, the 4th Infantry Division, and the Operational Test and Evaluation Command, respectively.

Russell has held several key developmental, broadening, and command assignments including aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the Industrial Operations Command at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois; an intern in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; Headquarters Department of the Army G4 logistics officer, and readiness branch chief in V Corps G4, Germany. He served as the support operations officer and executive officer in the 47th Forward Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) I and returned as the battalion commander to the same unit during OIF VIII. Following battalion command, he served as the war reserve subject matter expert on the Joint Staff J4, as the SRC 90/91 organizational integrator in HQDA G3/5/7 and as the brigade commander for the 401st Army Field Support Brigade in Bagram, Afghanistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) XI-XII. He also served in HQDA G-8 as the Focused Development Logistics Division chief. He became the 28th Chief of Transportation and Commandant of the U.S. Army's Transportation School June 4, 2015. From 2016 to 2017, he served as the U.S. Forces Korea J4, CFC, deputy C4, and United Nations Command deputy G4. From 2017 to 2019, he served as the commanding general for the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in South Korea. From July 2019 to May 2021, Russell served as the HQDA Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G4.

Russell is a graduate of the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Marine Corps Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Russell's numerous awards and decorations for his achievements in both combat and peacetime operations include the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff Badge, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Badge and the Combat Action Badge. He currently holds three master's degrees, is Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certified, and is designated by the International Society of Logistics as a Demonstrated Master Logistician.

Russell is happily married; he and his wife have two adult children and two beautiful grandchildren.