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Colonel Joe A. Ratliff is the commander, Eastern Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command.

He received his commission through ROTC at Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1997.

Colonel Ratliff served as installation postal officer/postal platoon leader, Alpha Detachment, 509th Personnel Service Battalion, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; company executive officer, U.S. Army NATO, Mons, Belgium; assistant deputy chief of staff for operations, Plans and Security, Mons; battalion intelligence/operations officer, Brunssum, Netherlands; company commander, Brunssum; chief, Strength Management Division, Headquarters, 3rd Corps Support Command, Wiesbaden, Germany, and deployed to Iraq; deputy, Officer Strength Management, Enlisted Strength Management/Readiness Division, and chief, Human Resources Policies, Programs and Operations Division, V Corps Headquarters, Heidelberg, Germany; battalion executive officer, Allied Forces North Battalion, U.S. Army NATO Brigade, Brunssum; chief, Military Personnel Division, and deputy, Human Resources Directorate, Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; executive officer, Joint Human Resources/Director of Personnel, and commander, Army Element/Army Component Human Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida; assistant chief of staff, Human Resources, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; senior personnel policy integrator, Officer Selection Branch, Officer Management Division, and director, Military Personnel Management, Department of Army Human Resources, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



His military education includes the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, Adjutant General Officer Captain Career Course, and Combined Arms Service and Staff School. He earned a Master of Science in Behavioral Science-Psychology from Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma; a Master of Arts in Military Operational Art and Science from Air Force Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama; and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

Colonel Ratliff's military awards and decorations include two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, five Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, two Joint Service Achievement Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, and various unit and service medals and ribbons. He also earned the Basic Parachutist Badge.