

Dr Erlach's Army Days



1981 Fort Irwin, CA



1981 Fort Lewis, WA



1983 Fort Irwin, CA



1985 Fort Hunter Liggett, CA

Dr Erlach joined the Army in 1980 and served as a tank crewman in the California Army National Guard while attending school at UC Santa Barbara. He joined ROTC and in 1982 was commissioned an Armor Officer. While attending Dental School at UCSF from 1982 to 1986, he continued to serve in the Army National Guard as a Tank Platoon Leader and Executive Officer.



1987 Korea



1988 Korea



1988 Honduras



1990 C-130 Aircraft

In 1986, after receiving his Doctorate in Dental Surgery, Dr Erlach served four years on Active Duty, starting with an Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at Fort Sill, OK. His later duty stations included Korea, Honduras and the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. CPT Erlach left active duty in 1990 and stayed in the Inactive Ready Reserve for seven years.



1998 Fiji



1999 Peru



2002 El Salvador



2005 Panama

In 1997, now MAJ Erlach joined the 307th Medical Company at the advice of a fellow dentist, who had served with the unit in San Pablo, CA. The opportunity for travel and service appealed to him and he was able to treat patients at remote locations where the population had little or no dental care. These missions included Fiji, Peru, El Salvador and Panama. In 2003, LTC Erlach was mobilized to take part in NATO Peacekeeping Operation in Kosovo.



2003 Kosovo



2005 Iraq



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2008 Iraq

In 2005, COL Erlach deployed to Iraq to treat US Service Members and their allies. He deployed to Iraq again in 2008 as Chief of Dental Services for the Northern half of the country. During that period, he spent most of his time training Iraqi Dentists and making sure that US dentists had the resources necessary to carry out their mission. After his return from Iraq in 2008, COL Erlach served as the Commander, 307th Medical Company until he retired in 2010. He is proud of his service and will always appreciate the friends, memories and opportunities that he gained while serving his country.



2009 Command