



## United States Army Biography



Colonel Laura Hutchinson  
733d Mission Support Group Commander

Colonel Hutchinson was born and raised in Montgomery County, Maryland. In 1996, she enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard as a 27D (Legal Specialist). In 2002, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from Towson University and received an Active Duty Commission as a Transportation Officer through the Loyola College ROTC Program.

Upon completion of the Transportation Officer Basic Course, she was assigned as a Platoon Leader in the 372<sup>nd</sup> Cargo Transfer Company, 106<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky (101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division). Following this assignment, she served as the Support Operations Transportation Officer and the Battalion S1 for the 129<sup>th</sup> CSSB (101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division). While assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Colonel Hutchinson deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2005.

Following the completion of the Logistics Captain's Career Course, Colonel Hutchinson was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at Fort Drum where she served as the Battalion Rear Detachment Commander for the 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion (BSB). In 2009, she assumed command of A Company, 10<sup>th</sup> BSB and deployed to Afghanistan where she also served as the Battalion S3.

In 2011, Colonel Hutchinson served as the Deputy Chief of Plans and Operations at the Defense Logistics Agency-Energy and earned a Master's of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership from Norwich University. In 2013 she attended the Marine Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia where she earned a Master's of Science Degree in Military Studies.

In 2014, Colonel Hutchinson was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington where she served as the Brigade S4 and the Support Operations Officer. From 2016-2018, she served in the Commander's Initiatives Group and was the Secretary of the General Staff for the Commanding General of I Corps.

From 2018 to 2020, Colonel Hutchinson served as the Commander of the 526<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault). In September 2020, she served as the Rear Provisional Brigade Commander for the 101<sup>st</sup> Division Sustainment Brigade in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault). In 2022, she graduated from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Fort McNair, Washington D.C. where she earned a Master's of Science Degree in National Security Strategy and Policy. Following graduation, she was assigned to the joint staff

where she served as the Chief of Future Operations in the Joint Logistics Directorate and as a Special Assistant and Transition Officer to the 20<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Colonel Hutchinson's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Order of Saint Christopher, the Order of Saint Maurice, and the Air Assault and Combat Action Badges.

Colonel Hutchinson is married to Colonel Joshua Persing, USAF, and they have two daughters, Jordyn (13), and Olivia Rose (11).