

Louise Goetzelt was born and raised in Black River Falls, WI; graduated from Black River Falls High School in 1973 and from the College of St Francis, Joliet, IL in 1976 (BS in Biology). In March 1978 she entered the US Army Military Police (MP) Corps. After serving in a physical security unit in Germany, she was accepted into the US Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) as a Special Agent in November 1980. In January 1985, she became a US Army Warrant Officer (WO) CID Special Agent.

Her Army assignments were many and sent her far and world-wide: the Drug Suppression Team in Nürnberg, Germany; Economic Crimes Team Chief in Augsburg, Germany; Personal Security Officer for the SACEUR, SHAPE, Belgium; Special Agent-in-Charge of the CID Office at Fort Ord, CA; Operations Officer at the Bavaria CID Battalion, Bamberg, Germany; Chief of Investigative Operations, 202nd Military Police Group (CID), Heidelberg, Germany; and Chief of Investigative Operations and Special Projects Officer, 6th Military Police Group (CID), Joint Base Lewis McCord, WA.

She led the way as the first female in a number of these positions, specifically Personal Security Officer for the SACEUR, CID Battalion Operations Officer, and Chief of Investigative Operations for a CID Group.

She also had a number of interesting temporary assignments which included Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo; the United Arab Emirates; Bosnia; Kosovo; Singapore; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Kuwait and Iraq.

CW5 Goetzelt graduated from the US Army WO Candidate School, CID WO Basic and Advanced Courses, and the US Army WO Staff and Senior Staff Courses. She attended numerous military and civilian schools and courses during her career, including Bundeskriminalamt (BKA) (German Federal Bureau of Investigation) Protective Services Training Course, Meckenheim, Germany and the Metropolitan Police (Scotland Yard) Chief Detective Inspectors' Course, Hendon, London, England. In 2004, she graduated from Central Michigan University with a MS in Administration with International Emphasis.

Her awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Meritorious Service Medal (6); the Army Commendation Medal (3), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (2), as well as the Military Police Regiment Order of the Marechaussee in Silver.

After retirement she returned to the Monterey Peninsula and became involved in many community, and military and veterans organizations. These include President of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MBMOAA); Chief of Staff, Army's Retired Soldiers Council; the Fort Ord Area Retired Soldiers Council; the United Veterans Council of Monterey County; President of the CID Agents Association (CIDAA); and was selected as a Monterey County Veteran of the Year in 2017. She also served and continues to serve Del Rey Oaks on city council, as a planning commissioner, and other "duties as assigned."

Occupying a lot of her spare time is her genealogy research into her German heritage, thus she is a member of the Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of America, the Sacramento German Genealogical Society and several genealogical societies in Germany. CW5 Goetzelt speaks, reads, and writes German fluently.