

## Colonel Kathy M. Brown



COL Kathy Brown, a native of Decatur, Georgia, was commissioned as a Transportation Officer from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Upon completion of the officer basic course, Kathy was assigned to 330<sup>th</sup> Movement Control Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina as the Executive Officer for the Headquarters Company. She also served as a Platoon Leader within the 126<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company, (Palletized Loading System) and as the 483<sup>rd</sup> Detachment Commander, 7th Transportation Battalion.

After completing the Combined Logistics Career Course, Kathy completed 29 months in the Republic of South Korea with the 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command as the S-3 Plans Officer, 25<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion; and as a Company Commander within the 34<sup>th</sup> Support Group. Following her tour in Korea, she served as Facilities Plans and Operations Officer for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center where she managed over 100K square feet of Military Construction Projects. She subsequently transitioned into the Acquisition Corps and began her first acquisition assignment at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey.

Assigned to the Armaments Research and Development Command as the Systems Technology Manager, Kathy supported the Military Police and Engineering schools, merging Science and Technology efforts with current TRADOC requirements. Her next assignment was in Program Manager Close Combat Systems as the Assistant Project Manager (APM) responsible for the cost, schedule and performance of Joint Non-Lethal Programs. After relocating to Fort Belvoir, VA where she served as APM for Product Manager Clothing and Individual Equipment. During her tour, she was responsible for the cost, schedule, and performance of multiple ACAT III programs worth over \$850M annually. She also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to lead Rapid Fielding Initiatives for operations in Kuwait and Iraq. She culminated her tour in Program Executive Office (PEO) Soldier as the Executive Officer to the PEO. She subsequently received an assignment to Aberdeen Proving Ground as a Contracting Management Officer with Army Contracting Command supporting PEO Communications, Command, Control, and Tactical. Reassigned to the Pentagon, Kathy served as the Department of the Army Systems Coordinator for the Warfighter Information Networks –Tactical Increments 2 and 3, both ACAT ID Programs. She deployed from the Pentagon to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Deputy Director for Forward Operations. Kathy concluded her assignment at the Pentagon as the Executive Officer to the ASA(ALT) Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Programs, Plans, and Resources. Kathy then assumed a three-year tour as Product Manager Soldier Protective Equipment, the Army's Body Armor portfolio and the Lead Service Activity within the Department of Defense. As a Product Manager, she led the acquisition, procurement and modernization efforts for the next generation of body armor.

COL Brown most recently served in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), International Cooperation Directorate. As Country Director for Canada, South Korea, and Latin America, she led Army efforts to advance the development and implementation of international cooperative programs and defense exportability to foster collaboration with U.S. allies on research, development, production and support of weapons systems and related equipment.

COL Brown's military education includes completion of the Defense Systems Management Course, Infantry Pre-Command Course, Defense Acquisition Program Manager's Course and Air Assault School. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resource Development from Webster University, Master of Business Administration from Temple University, and a Masters in National Security and Resource Policy from the National Defense University. She is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

Her awards and decorations include the Army Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (two oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon.

COL Brown is married and has two children. She is also huge advocate for and participates in a range of charities for the study and support of Pediatric Oncology.