



**Brigade Commander
Colonel Stacy S. Townsend**

COL Stacy S. Townsend, a native of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, was commissioned in 1989 as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps and detailed Chemical Corps for two years through the Murray State University ROTC program. He was first assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry (Mechanized) in Korea as the Battalion Chemical Officer. Next, he was assigned to the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in Germany as the Brigade Maintenance Officer and later the 147th Maintenance Company in Germany as a Platoon Leader and then as Shop Officer. Upon promotion to Captain, he deployed and established a Joint Provisional Support Company for the Joint Task Force (Fwd.) in OPERATION PROVIDE PROMISE, Zagreb, Croatia as a part of the UN/NATO missions under UNPROFOR. Upon completion, he was assigned as Battalion S4, 71st Combat Support Battalion in Germany and then deployed in support of OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR in Taszar, Hungary. He next attended the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course (CLOAC) and was next assigned to Fort Hood where he served as the Brigade S4 for the 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, Battalion S3 for the 553rd Combat Support Battalion, and later assumed command of the 602nd Maintenance Company. Following command, he attended the Logistics Executive Development Course and the Command and General Staff College. Following graduation, he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, Korea for two years where he served as the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion's Support Operations Officer (SPO) and Battalion Executive Officer (XO). Upon completion of his tour, he returned to Fort Hood and was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division's Sustainment Brigade as the Brigade Support Operations Officer (SPO) for the first two years, deploying to Baghdad in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF 05-07) and then serving the next two years as the Brigade's Deputy Commanding Officer (DCO) deploying a second time to Kuwait in support of the Brigade's Theater Distribution Mission supporting both OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF 07-08) and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) units. He then commanded the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Sagami Depot, Japan where his battalion and two companies deployed in support of OPERATION TOMODACHI to Sendai Airport and Ishinomaki to clear and reopen the airport, train stations, schools, and transport supplies to critical areas as a part of the humanitarian assistance/disaster relief mission. After command, he was selected to be the 2nd Infantry Division G4/Logistics Officer in Korea where he served two years improving the Division's logistics, readiness and interoperability with the Korean forces. Next, he was selected and attended the Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy (formerly ICAF) Master's Program. After school, he served as the Corps G4/J4 for the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps/JTF in Istanbul, Turkey.

COL Townsend's military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic Course, Ordnance Officer Transition Course, Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course (CLOAC), Combined Arms and Service Staff School (CAS3), Support Operations Course, Logistics Executive Development Course (LEDC), Command and General Staff College (CGSC), and Joint Planner Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Murray State University, a Masters in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a Masters in National Security and Resource Strategy with a

concentration in Long Term Strategy from the Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal (w/1 OLC); Meritorious Service Medal (w/4 OLC); Army Commendation Medal (w/Silver OLC); Army Achievement Medal (w/1 OLC); National Defense Service Medal (w/2 Bronze Stars); Iraqi Campaign Medal (w/2 Bronze Stars); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Overseas Service Ribbon (7th Award); United Nations Medal – Yugoslavia; and the NATO Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Citation (w/1 OLC); Army Superior Unit Award

He and his spouse, Becky, have been married for 25 years.