



**Colonel Clydea Prichard-Brown**  
**Chief of Staff, 1st Theater Sustainment Command**

A native of Gary, Indiana, COL Prichard-Brown enlisted in the Army as a Private First Class and became a Traffic Management Coordinator (88N), in 1991. Her enlisted assignments included: Fort Ord, California, Sinai, Egypt, and Fort Lewis, Washington. After reaching the rank of Sergeant, COL Prichard-Brown received the Army ROTC Green-to-Gold Scholarship.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in General Studies with concentration in Criminal Justice from Indiana University, Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI). In 1997. She was the school's the first female and first minority Cadet Battalion Commander and became the school's Distinguished Military Graduate

where she commissioned into the Regular Army as a Transportation Officer. She later graduated with honors from Webster University, earning her Master's Degree in Procurement and Acquisition Management with concentration in Government Contracting and a second Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

COL Prichard-Brown's assignments include Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, 89<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company, Battalion S1 and the Assistant Operations and Security Officer for the 6<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion. She served as the Land Branch Chief of the G-4 Transportation Division, Eighth United States Army (EUSA), and Commander of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 498<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion, Korea. She served as the Non-Combatant Evacuation Officer for EUSA, the Operations Officer for the 205<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, and Executive Officer of the Milwaukee Recruiting Battalion, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Following her time as Executive Officer, COL Prichard-Brown served at the Pentagon in Headquarters Department of the Army G37, as the Chief of Army Training Ammunition in the Munitions Management Division, and as Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff G37. COL Prichard-Brown assumed command of the 836<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion, in Yokohama, Japan, becoming the first African American female to command this battalion. She later served as the Director of the Logistic Materiel & Readiness Directorate, and then became the first African American female to command the 59<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Brigade, at Fort Greg-Adams (Fort Lee), Virginia. COL Prichard-Brown recently completed a one-year assignment as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General of Army Materiel Command (AMC), in Huntsville, Alabama, and now serves as the Chief of Staff for the 1<sup>st</sup> Theater Sustainment Command, at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Her deployments include Brigade S4 of the 164<sup>th</sup> Theater Airfield Operations Group (TAOG) during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), (2008-2009) and Iraq Train and Equip Fund Manager at the Baghdad Embassy, in Iraq, during Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) (2014-2015).

COL Prichard-Brown's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 1 silver oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Basic Airborne Parachutist Badge. She has been inducted into the Transportation Regimental Corps Military Order of St. Christopher for her service to the Transportation Corp and the Order of Samuel Sharpe for her distinguished service to the Ordnance Corps.

COL Prichard-Brown is the winner of the National Joint Women's Leadership Award (JWLS) for Army Materiel Command (AMC) (2018), Founder of the Female Mentoring and Morale Program (FMMP), and member of the Army Women's Foundation Board of Directors. She is also a lifetime member of the ROCKS, Incorporated, a two-time ROCKS, Inc. Bobby Burke Award recipient, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

COL Prichard-Brown is married to SFC (R) Eric L. Upthegrove. She has a son, Zion Brown (23), and daughter, Zaria Brown (16). She also has a twin sister, LTC Clydellia Prichard-Allen stationed at the Pentagon.