



## **Col. Robert L. Kellam**

**Chief of Staff, 1st Theater Sustainment Command**

Col. Robert L. Kellam currently serves as the chief of staff, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army Central. Prior to joining First Team, Kellam was a student in the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama from July 2020 through May 2021.

Kellam was raised in a military family and calls Texas home. He received his bachelor's degree in Biology from McMurry University and commissioned as a second lieutenant from Hardin Simmons University (Abilene, TX) in 1998. He also earned master's degrees in Supply Chain Management from the University of Kansas, and Strategic Studies from the Air War College. Kellam's military education includes the Air University's Air War College, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course and the Transportation Officer Basic Course.

After attending the Transportation Officer Basic Course, his first assignment was with the 27th Main Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He served as a heavy and a light/MED truck platoon leader, Support Operations transportation officer and as the Battalion S1 from 1998 to 2002. He transitioned to the Logistics branch and his next assignment took him to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he assumed command of Bravo Company, 58th Transportation Battalion in February 2003 and subsequently commanded the Mid-Missouri Recruiting Company in 2004. Following command, Kellam was reassigned to the G3 section at Recruiting Command headquarters at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he served as the Tasking Cell OIC and executive officer for the G3 from 2006-2008. After promotion to major, he deployed as a team chief for a Logistics Military Transition Team (MiTT) in Iraq. He and his team deployed to Diyalah province where he was responsible for advising and assisting the 5th Iraqi Army Division's leadership on logistic processes and procedures. In 2010, Kellam then served as the Brigade S4 for 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood and deployed with them to Northern Afghanistan. Upon redeployment in 2012, he was assigned to Headquarters, III Corps as the deputy corps transportation officer and Rear-D Corps transportation officer. In 2015, he served as the Brigade S3 for the 595th Transportation Brigade (SDDC) at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, and then took Command of 1-291st Brigade Support Battalion at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin in 2016. In 2018, he served as the director of logistics for Joint Task Force-North at Fort Bliss, Texas, prior to attending Air War College in 2020.

Kellam's personal awards include: Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and Parachutist Badge.