



**COL Charles J. Brown**

*4th Division Artillery Commander*

Colonel Charles J. Brown (Charlie) graduated from the United States Military Academy in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. He was first assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment (AFAR), 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC, where he served as a Fire Support Officer and Fire Direction Officer. After completing the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, he commanded C Battery, 2-8 Field Artillery, 1-25 Infantry Division at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. COL Brown subsequently served as a Fire Support Officer/Operations Officer with 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, NC, and as a Joint Operations Planner (J35) with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force–Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A). He then attended intermediate-level education (ILE) at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) at Fort Benning, GA. He returned to the 82nd Airborne Division, serving as the Brigade Fire Support Officer for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Executive Officer for 1-319th AFAR, and Division Artillery Operations Officer. Subsequently, he served as the Chief of Operational Fires at Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). COL Brown returned to the 82nd Airborne Division, commanding the 2nd Battalion, 319th AFAR-The Black Falcons. After battalion command, COL Brown served as the Division Chief for Fires in the Pentagon's HQDA G-8, Force Development Directorate.

COL Brown has several deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve. His military education includes the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Army War College, the U.S. Army Ranger School, the U.S. Army Advanced Airborne School, the Joint Firepower Controller Course, the Joint Collateral Damage Course, the Special Operations Terminal Attack Controller Course, and Unconventional Warfare. He holds a Master's of Science in International Relations from Troy University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks. COL Brown is married to Lieutenant Colonel Lyhomar Gonzalez (FA 50) and has three children: Charlie (15), Lina (5), and Adrian (2).