



**MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD  
BRIGADIER GENERAL  
CHRISTOPHER M. THOMAS  
184TH SUSTAINMENT COMMAND, MISSISSIPPI**

Brig. Gen. Christopher M. Thomas currently serves as the commander of the 184th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) based in Monticello, Mississippi. He enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard in January 1988 as a Personnel Information Systems Specialist at Camp Shelby. He quickly rose to the rank of sergeant and mobilized for Operation Desert Storm in 1990. He subsequently received his commission as a second lieutenant with the Army Corps of Engineers through the ROTC program at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1994.

His first assignment was with Alpha Company, 150th Combat Engineer Battalion where he served as Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer. He then served as the Assistant Brigade Engineer Officer with the 155th Brigade Combat Team in Tupelo. Thomas was chosen to serve as Company Commander of Charlie Company, 150th Combat Engineer Battalion in Houston and Okolona, leading the company during its deployment as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom III in Najaf and Anbar provinces, Iraq (2004-2005).

Following the completion of his company command, Thomas served in key staff positions with the 150th Combat Engineer Battalion, the 168th Engineer Brigade and the 185th Aviation Brigade including, S-1, S-2, Plans Officer and Assistant S-3. He was then assigned as Battalion Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer for the 155th Brigade Special Troops Battalion in Meridian. He then served as the Brigade Survey and Design Engineer, the Brigade Operations Officer and the Brigade Executive Officer for the 168th Engineer Brigade in Vicksburg. Thomas was then selected to command the 890th Engineer Battalion in Gulfport and later assigned as the Commander of the 154th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) at Camp Shelby.

Thomas holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Southern Mississippi, a master's degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War College and a Juris Doctor degree from the Mississippi College School of Law.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Army Commendation Medal (2nd award), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (12th award), National Defense Service Medal (one service star), Iraq Campaign Medal (two campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (gold hourglass, 'M' device, numeral 2), Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. Thomas has also received the basic Parachutist Badge, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (silver), Combat Action Badge and the de Fleury Medal.