

## U.S. ARMY SONG

*March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.*

*We're the Army and proud of our name!*

*We're the Army and proudly proclaim:*

*First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Then it's hi! hi! hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong;  
For where'er we go,  
You will always know  
That the Army goes rolling along.*

## CHANGE OF COMMAND COLONEL

**JOHNNY BROWN**

&

**COLONEL**

**ANNIE "MERLE" LEE**



JOINT FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS  
JACKSON, MS

SATURDAY

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## COLONEL JOHNNY BROWN

COL Johnny Brown is a native of Grenada, Mississippi where he graduated from Kirk Academy. He has a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Mississippi, and he holds a Master Degree of Business Administration from Grantham University. His military education includes Intermediate Level Education and Advance Operations Course (CGSC), Joint Fire Power Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Field Artillery Captains Career Course, and the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course.

COL Johnny Brown enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard 15 September 1985 in the 631<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade as a Cannon Fire Direction Specialist. He received his commission from Officer Candidate School at the Mississippi Military Academy as a Field Artillery Officer on 4 August 1996.

COL Brown's previous assignments include Fire Direction Officer and Platoon Leader/XO, Bravo Battery, 1-114 Field Artillery Battalion; Battery Commander, Alpha Battery, 1-114 Field Artillery Battalion; Operations Officer, 631<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade; Detachment Commander, Camp McCain Training Site; 1984<sup>th</sup> Contingency Contracting Team Leader; Multi Class Officer, 184<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command; Brigade Fire Support Officer, 155<sup>th</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team; Battalion Executive Officer, 2-114 Field Artillery Regiment; Fires Element Chief, 114 Digital Liaison Detachment; Battalion Commander, 2-114 Field Artillery Regiment; G3, 184<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command and Commander 114th Digital Liaison Detachment. Colonel Brown has deployed two times with the National Guard. The first deployment was to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from January 2005 through March 2006 and most recently to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Spartan Shield as Advise and Assist Team Leader for the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team from February 2018 – April 2019

COL Brown's military awards and decorations the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, as well as numerous other awards and decorations.

Johnny resides in Brandon; he has two children: Katie and Kellar. He is a member of Crossgates Baptist Church in Brandon.



## COLONEL ANNIE "MERLE" LEE

COL Annie "Merle" Lee is a native of Collins, Mississippi. COL Lee enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard 29 March 1990 in the 3656<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company as an Equipment Records & Parts Specialist. She received her commission 4 December 2002 through Direct Commission. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration from William Carey University and a Master of Strategic Studies from US Army War College. Her military education includes the Quartermaster Corps Officer Basic Course, Ordnance Captains Career Course, Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, Support Operations Course, Human Resources Management Course, Reserve Component Theater Sustainment Course, US Army Command and General Staff Officers Course (CGCS), Intermediate Level Education Common Core (ILE), Advanced Operations Course (AOC), Joint Logistics Course, Logistics Battalion Commanders' Course, and US Army War College.

COL Lee's assignments include Maintenance Control Platoon Leader, 367<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company (-), in DeKalb and in Mosul, Iraq from 02 September 2003 through 06 January 2005, S4, HHD, 298<sup>th</sup> Corp Support Battalion, in Philadelphia during Hurricane Katrina; Maintenance Control Officer, 3656<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company in Camp Shelby; Commander, 3656<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company in Camp Shelby; Ammunition Officer, HHD, 298<sup>th</sup> Corp Support Battalion, Shindand Air Base, Afghanistan from 15 January 2011 through 15 April 2012; Maintenance Management Officer, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson; Maintenance Readiness Branch Chief, 184<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Command, Laurel; Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordnance Training Battalion, Camp Shelby; Army Chief of Staff-G4, 184<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Command, Arifjan, Kuwait from 01 November 2018 through 02 November 2019; Battalion Commander, 106th BSB, 155th ABCT in Hattiesburg, Chief, 184<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Monticello; Army Chief of Staff-G1, 184<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Monticello; Director of Personnel and Community Activities, Camp Shelby; and Army Chief of Staff, 184<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Monticello.

COL Lee's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with a 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with a 1 oak leaf cluster, as well as numerous other awards and decorations.

Merle and her husband, LaBarron reside in Hattiesburg, they have five children: Shavey, Ravan, Nia, Haley, and Dwayne; and three grandchildren, Aiden, Avery, and Kayloni. They are members of the West Point Church in Hattiesburg.



## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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INCOMING CMDR

REMARKS

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