

COLONEL BETTY J. YARBROUGH
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Colonel Betty J. Yarbrough was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She graduated from Arkansas Tech University in 1986, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. She also holds a Master of Science degree in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. Her military education includes the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, Logistics Executive Development Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



Colonel Yarbrough has served in a variety of positions. She served as an Operations Officer, Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 26th Support Group, Federal Republic of Germany from 1987-1990. Immediately following the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, she was attached to the 22nd Support Command and deployed in support of OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. In January 1992, she reported to Fort Polk, Louisiana where she served as the Secretary General Staff for the forward element of the 5th Infantry Division. She moved with the unit to Fort Hood, Texas, where the unit was reflagged as the 2nd Armored Division. While there, she served as the Division Support Command Support Operations Officer, the Division Materiel Management Center General Supply Officer, and the Supply and Services Officer in the 48th Forward Support Battalion. She then commanded the HHD and A Company, 204th Forward Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. In 1998, she was assigned to the Defense Industrial Supply Center, Defense Logistics Agency in Philadelphia where she served as the Chief of the Emergency Supply Operations Center. Following graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, she was assigned as the Chief of Operations, G3, 3^d Corps Support Command, then as the Executive Officer for the 19th Corps Materiel Management Center, Wiesbaden, Germany where she deployed and participated in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2003, she reported to the Pentagon where she served as the Assistant Executive Officer to the Director of the Army Staff through July 2005. She then commanded the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT), Defense Logistics Agency in Texarkana, Texas from 2005 to 2007. From August 2007 through July 2008, she served as the Military Deputy in the Focused Logistics Division, Force Development, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8. COL Yarbrough attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces from July 2008 through June 2009. From July 2009 through July 2012, she served as the Army National Account Manager in the Defense Logistics Agency. During that assignment, she served in OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM from March thru October 2010 as the ARCENT Coordination and Support Element – Afghanistan, Chief of Operations. She is currently serving as the Military Director for the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

Colonel Yarbrough's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster), National Defense Service Medal (with bronze star), Southwest Asia Service Medal (with bronze star), Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, ISAF NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Army Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 2), and the Army Staff Identification Badge.