

# COLONEL MATTHEW D. REDDING

Colonel Redding was commissioned in the Regular Army from Saint Lawrence University, Canton New York. He began his Army career as an air defense artillery officer in the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. Participating in the Army Branch Detail Program, he was then transferred to the Transportation Corps and remained in the 82nd Airborne Division as a truck platoon leader, company executive officer, and battalion logistics officer for 782nd Main Support Battalion.

After completing the Combined Logistics Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Va., he commanded the 104th Transportation Company (Medium Truck) at Fort Benning, Ga. He was then selected for and attended the Army Advanced Civil School program at the Smith School of Business, University of Maryland.

Colonel Redding then commanded the Kuwait Detachment, 831st Transportation Battalion, Camp Doha, Kuwait, and then attended the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Upon graduation, Colonel Redding served as the division transportation officer for the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as support operations officer for 626th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

Colonel Redding served a joint duty tour at U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and then returned to Fort Campbell where he commanded the 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division where his battalion supported combat and stability operations in southern Baghdad for Operation Iraqi Freedom VII.

A graduate of the Marine Corps War College, Quantico, Va., Colonel Redding was selected to command the NATO Regional Support Command – Southwest at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. During his command tour he provided support to the 1st and 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force (forward) and was responsible for Afghan Security Force development with regard to institutional training and logistics in Helmand and Nimroz Province, Afghanistan. Colonel Redding's most recent assignment was as the 598<sup>th</sup> Transportation Brigade (SDDC) commander. He led the brigade's relocation from Rotterdam, Netherlands, to Sembach, Germany.

Colonel Redding's awards and decorations include: US Army Ranger Tab; Senior Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge; Combat Action Badge; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal (with one oak leaf cluster); Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters); Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters); and Army Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters).