



RISING to the Challenge

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Prior to assuming his current position, **Brig. Gen. Collyar** served as the 35th Chief of Ordnance for the US Army. He was promoted to his present rank on July 10, 2007. A native of Huntsville, Ala., he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., in 1979.

Brig. Gen. Collyar is a graduate of the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He also holds a master's degree in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University in Washington.

After completing the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., he was assigned to the Office of Resource Management for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, the Pentagon.

In June 1991, Brig. Gen. Collyar joined the 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served as executive officer of the 725th Maintenance Support Battalion, followed by a stint as a division Plans and Operations Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. During the Division's deployment to Operation Restore Democracy in Haiti, he served as the deputy logistics officer, Joint Task Force 180.

Brig. Gen. Collyar then moved to Fort Bragg, N.C., in July 1996, where he served as executive officer/deputy commander of the 82nd Airborne Division Support Command. He then took command of the 189th Corps Support Battalion, 1st Corps Support Command, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort

Bragg. While in command, the battalion deployed to Central America, where he served as Joint Logistics Task Force Commander, Nicaragua, for Operation Strong Support.

In July 1999, he returned to the Resource Management Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at the Pentagon. After a year at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University, he returned to the Pentagon in June 2001 as Chief, Initiatives Group, Army G8.

Returning to Germany, Brig. Gen. Collyar commanded the 29th Support Group, 21st Theater Support Command. While in command, elements of the unit deployed to various locations throughout the European and Central Command areas of operation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In June 2004, Brig. Gen. Collyar was Chief, Focused Logistics Division, Force Development, Headquarters Department of the Army G8, followed by his previous command at the Defense Distribution Center.

His personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, and the Army Parachutist Badge.