



## ***COLONEL FERN O. SUMPTER*** **JOINT BASE COMMANDER** **JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL**



Colonel Fern O. Sumpter hails from Boston, Mass., where she was a 1989 honor graduate of the University of Massachusetts and a distinguished military graduate of Suffolk University's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program in Boston.

Colonel Sumpter's military career began as an enlisted Soldier in the Army Reserves in 1983. Her service continued as a Personnel Administration Specialist in the Massachusetts Army National Guard before her entrance onto active duty as a commissioned officer in 1990. Upon commissioning, her first assignment was as the Battalion S-2, 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Following the 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion's deployment to operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, she proceeded to Fort George G. Meade, Md., where she served in numerous 704<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade command and staff positions including Senior Operations Officer, Battalion S-3 (Plans and Training), and Company Commander. Following company command, she was assigned to the 501<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade in Yongsan, Korea, where she served on the U.S. Forces Korea, 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army, and 501<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade staffs as a J-2 Briefing Officer; Chief, Ground Indications and Warning Section; Chief, G-2 Operations; and Battalion S-3.



In 2003, Colonel Sumpter was reassigned as the Military Intelligence Majors' Assignment Officer and, subsequently, as the Colonels' Assignment Officer for the U.S. Army Human Resources Command. In 2006, she was assigned as the Chief, G-3 Operations, Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) at Fort Belvoir, Va. From 2008 to 2010, she commanded the U.S. Army Garrison, Schinnen, in the Netherlands. Following command, she deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom where she served on the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (IJC) staff in Kabul, Afghanistan, as the Deputy, then Chief of the Information Dominance Center.

Colonel Sumpter's education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management-Information Systems from the University of Massachusetts; a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Command and General Staff College; Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Cryptologic Skills for Junior Officers Course, and Airborne School. Her awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Six Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Achievement Medal.

Colonel Sumpter is married to Mr. James Winbush and together they have one son, Brandon Winbush.