



## **Captain Naleyia Downer**

Naleyia Downer was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica. She graduated from the University of Texas, Austin in 2003.

Downer enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2006 as a specialist. She completed Basic Combat Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Upon graduation, she received the MOS of 44C; financial management specialist. In 2008, she commissioned in the Air Defense Artillery branch through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. After commissioning she graduated from the Air Defense Artillery Basic Course.

Her duty assignments include 106<sup>th</sup> Financial Management Company, Vilseck, Germany, where she served as a customer services and debt management specialist. Upon commissioning, she served in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bragg, N.C. as a platoon leader in three different platoons and as battalion S-4.

Downer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and a minor in business foundation from the University of Texas, Austin. Additionally she holds a Master's degree in business administration; concentration in finance from Trident University International.

Her awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal (with two OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, and Parachutist badge.