



## **Sharlene Pigg**

Sharlene Pigg enlisted in the Florida National Guard in 11th grade. She performed duties in communications and public affairs until she graduated from Stetson University in 1996, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. While there, Pigg also participated in the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University ROTC program, leaving as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and being commissioned onto Active Duty as an Army Aviator. Her 25 years of service entailed assignments in 6 states and South Korea twice and deployments to Afghanistan and Kuwait. As a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, she had myriad accomplishments, including Pilot in Command; later, as an Adjutant General officer in the Pentagon, her team penned the Army's policy for Women in Combat. Pigg's career culminated as the Battalion Commander of the Jacksonville Army Recruiting Battalion, and her highest awards include the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star. She is also a graduate of Airborne and Air Assault school. She now enjoys family time with her husband of 20 years, Chad, and their 6-year-old son, Beckam. Pigg is a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, recipient of the Graduate Student Award of Excellence, and recent graduate of Clemson University's Youth Development Leadership master's program.