

MAJOR GENERAL JOHANNA P. CLYBORNE



Assistant Adjutant General - Minnesota National Guard & Deputy Commanding General – Cyber Center of Excellence

Major General Johanna (“Jo”) Clyborne assumed duties as Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Minnesota National Guard, Saint Paul, Minnesota on 1 June 2019. She provides guidance, leadership, support, and oversight for 13,000 Soldiers and Airmen and advises the office of the Adjutant General on matters pertaining to organizational priorities. General Clyborne is a dual hatted officer and on 19 January 2021 assumed the additional responsibilities as the Deputy Commanding General – Army National Guard for the Cyber Center of Excellence, in Fort Gordon Georgia where she advises the Commanding General and the Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau on matters promoting Total Force Integration across all domains.

Enlisting in 1989 as a Technical Drafting Specialist, General Clyborne earned her commission as an Engineer Officer in 1992. General Clyborne has served in numerous staff positions throughout her career and has led soldiers at all levels from platoon to brigade command. She holds branch qualifications as an Engineer, Military Intelligence, and Human Resource Officer. A combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, General Clyborne deployed as Deputy of Military Intelligence, 34th Infantry (Red Bull) Division, U.S. Division-South in Basra, Iraq.

In her civilian occupation, she is a founding partner of the Shakopee-based law firm Brekke, Clyborne, and Ribich, L.L.C., where she focuses on family law. As an attorney, General Clyborne is frequent presenter and author on military family law matters. She co-authored Minnesota’s Uniform Deployed Parents Visitation and Custody Act, is the past chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Veterans and Military Affairs Council, participates in the Legal Assistance to Military Personnel through the Minnesota State Bar, and Volunteer Lawyers Network. General Clyborne serves on the board for the American Red Cross – Minnesota as the Vice Chair. She is named as a Minnesota Super Lawyer and Minnesota’s Top Women Lawyers by Minnesota Law and Politics. General Clyborne is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. In February 2018 until January 2019, General Clyborne was appointed on short-term assignment as Commissioner and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the State of Minnesota.

General Clyborne is a graduate of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, the University of St. Thomas school of law (J.D.), and completed a fellowship at Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (International Securities Studies). General Clyborne is qualified as a Dual Status Commander.

General Clyborne has served in the National Guard for more than 32 years. She holds the distinction of being the first female to command a Brigade, the first female to obtain the rank of Brigadier General in the Minnesota Army

National Guard, and the first female to obtain the rank in Major General in the Minnesota National Guard. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, and the Outstanding Military Volunteer Service Medal.