## Colonel Crystal L. Belew



COL Belew is a native of Chesapeake, VA. She attended Radford University where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She graduated in 2004 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. COL Belew graduated summa cum laude with her Master's Degree in Nursing from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in 2012. She completed the Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist program receiving the USUHS Board of Regent's award, Federal Nursing Service Chief's award, and the Military Officers Association of America Outstanding Student award. In 2015, she graduated summa cum laude with a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from The University of Alabama. She later obtained a certificate in Health Professions Education PhD program. She is currently working towards a graduate executive coaching certifcate.

Mostly recently, she obtained her Master's of Strategic Studies in Joint Warrior Studies Seminar from the Air War College. She is certified as an Operating Room Nurse, Surgical Services Manager (E), a Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist, and board-certified as a Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist.

COL Belew recently served as the Chief, Leader Development Branch, Health Services Division, Human Resources Command (HRC), Ft Knox, KY and prior serving in the Deputy's position for the branch. Her previous assignments include: Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Medical Recruiting Battalion, Ft Knox, KY; Executive Officer, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, HRC, Ft Knox, KY; Assignment Officer 66E/66F, HRC, Ft Knox, KY; Deputy Director, Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Program/Assistant Professor, USUHS, Bethesda, MD; Clinical Nure OIC, US Contingent from 44<sup>th</sup> MED BDE ISO Operation Enduring Freedom, Camp Bastion, Helmand Province, Afghanistan; Operative Services Director, Clinical Nurse OIC-Operating Room, Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialists, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Ft Hood, TX; 68D Phase II Director, Operating Room, Clinical and Service Nurse, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC; Assistant Clinical Nurse OIC, Staff Nurse, Surgical Admissions Center, Staff Nurse, Medical Surgical Ward, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI.

COL Belew is a graduate of the Army Medical Department Basic and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and resident Joint Warrior Studies Seminar, Air War College, Air University.

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 OLC, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1 OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 3 OLC, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Defense Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the Recruiter Badge. Additionally, she has been awarded the 9A proficiency by TSG.

She is married to Chad Falone of Kentucky. They have a two daughters, Clara Rose, and Laramie Skye. Also, they have their fun-loving Silver Lab, Boomer.