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Lt. Col. (Retired) John J. Brown enlisted in Arkansas Army National Guard in 1976 as a 12B Combat Engineer, joining the 239th Engineer Co, 39th INF BDE (SEP). In 1980, he received his commission and joined Company A (Admin), 39th SPT BN, 39th INF BDE (SEP), Arkansas ARNG under the Early Commissioning Program. There he served as assistant Postal Officer and later Personnel Management Officer. He entered active duty upon receiving his BS degree in Parks & Recreation from Arkansas Tech University in December 1983. He attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic course in FT Sill, OK, then reported to 3/6 Field Artillery (GS), 1st Infantry Division at FT Riley, KS. While assigned there, he served as the Reconnaissance Survey Officer and then Platoon Leader for C Battery (MLRS).



Upon leaving active duty in 1987, he joined the 489th Combat Engineer Battalion (Wheeled) in Little Rock, Arkansas. He served on the battalion staff as Assistant Operations Officer, Motor Officer, Communications Officer and Battalion S-4. In 1993, he assumed command of the 299th Engineer Company (Wheeled). During his command, he converted the company to a multifunctional bridge unit. He returned to the 489th Engineer Battalion (MECH) in 1994 where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer. In 1997, he transferred to the 3/379th Logistical Support Battalion, 7th BDE, 95th Training Division (IT) as a Team Chief in support of the Army Reserve Schools. In December 2002, he assumed command of the 3/379th Logistical Support Battalion in Barling, Arkansas. In 2006, He transferred to the 80th Training Division (IT) in Richmond, Virginia. There he served in the G-3 section. He was assigned a Schools Officer under the G-7 when the division became the 80th Training Command (TASS) for the Army Reserve. In 2009, he transferred to the 1st Brigade (Quartermaster), 94th Division (FS) in Charleston, West Virginia where he served as the Brigade S-3 in charge of operations for the Army Reserve Quartermaster School. Lt. Col. (R) Brown retired from service in February 2012.

Personal

Lt. Col. (R) Brown is from Russellville, Arkansas. He is married to Annetta Joy Alexander formally of Casa, Arkansas. They have four children and five grandchildren.