

LTC Carmela D. Givens holds a bachelor degree in Biology from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, an Associate in Nursing from Sante Fe Community College, and a Master of Science Degree in Nursing (Education) from Walden University. Givens attended the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Transportation Branch in 1989.

Her military education includes the Transportation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Security Manager Course, Transportation Coordinators Automated Information for Movements System (TC-AIM) II Course, Combined Arms Services Staff Course, and Command and General Staff College.

Givens career highlights include assignments as Commander, 599th Transportation Detachment, Jacksonville, Fla.; Transportation Movement Officer, 216th Transportation Detachment, Jacksonville, Fla.; Assistant S1, 416th Transportation Battalion, Jacksonville, Fla.; Transportation Team OIC, executive officer, and Battalion S-3, 3-348th Battalion, Camp Blanding, Fla.; and Brigade Medical Officer, 158th Infantry BDE, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Her awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC); Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC); Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (2 OLC); National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal w/ bronze star; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze hourglass and "M" & "2" device, and Army Service Ribbon.