

**Colonel Lina M. Downing**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**United States Central Command**  
**CENTCOM CCJ8**  
**Division Chief**  
**Comptroller**



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Col Downing enlisted in the Marine Corps on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1990. After completing administration school, she was assigned to First Landing Support Battalion, 1st FSSG from 1991 to 1993 as an administration clerk.

Col Downing received orders to 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps District, Kansas City, MO. During this tour she filled the billets of Pay Chief and Career Planner simultaneously. She was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1997. Following TBS, she was assigned as the Finance Officer for Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. In 2001 she was transferred to the I Marine Logistics Group as the deputy disbursing officer and promoted to Capt. Col Downing was selected as the Services Company, company commander, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group in 2002 and she deployed in this capacity to Operation Iraqi Freedom-I with Combat Service Support Battalion-12.

Col Downing was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps (MMIA) as the PCS budget analyst following graduation from the Naval Post Graduate School. During this tour, she was promoted to Maj on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Col Downing was re-assigned and assumed the billet of Finance Officer for the Comptroller Division, Marine Corps Combat Development Command on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. In 2011, she became the 3404 Military Occupation Specialist serving at the Pentagon. She deployed in 2011 as the Internal Controls Officer for the NATO Comptroller in Afghanistan. During this deployment she also served as a Female Engagement Team (FET) member for missions in the Northern Sector of Afghanistan. In 2013, Col Downing was transferred to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing as Comptroller and promoted to LtCol in 2014. Her follow-on assignment was Comptroller for the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico VA. Col Downing currently serves as CENTCOM CCJ8, Division Chief, Comptroller.

Her awards include: Meritorious Service Medal (fourth award) Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Third Award) Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (Second Award) and a Joint Commendation Medal.

Col Downing is a graduate from Park University with B.A in Finance and the Naval Post Graduate School (MBA). Col Downing is the proud mother of Benjamin (high blue belt Taekwondo student) and Isabel (Gymnastics State X-cel Silver medalist).

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