



## **Dana J.H. Pittard '81**

Dana Pittard is Vice President of Defense Programs for Allison Transmission (Allison). In this role, he oversees Allison's domestic and global defense business. With defense products in over 110 countries, Allison is the leading provider of wheeled and tracked military vehicle transmissions in the world. He is the first African American vice president in Allison's 106-year history.

Pittard joined Allison in 2015. He previously served in the U.S. Army in the grade of major general and retired after 34 years of active-duty service. Pittard was a highly decorated combat leader and commanded units at every echelon from platoon through division, including multiple combat tours in Iraq and the Middle East. In 2014, he was chosen to lead the initial U.S. response to halt the aggressive spread of ISIS in Iraq.

Pittard is the owner of the consulting firm Pittard & Associates. He is the president of Hillian-Woods, LLC, which owns two separate family timber farms in South Carolina. He is on the advisory board of Esource Resource and the board of directors of the Matthew Silverman Memorial Foundation to prevent youth suicides. *Savoy* magazine selected Pittard as one of the "Top 100 African-American Corporate Executives in America of 2018." He is an avid reader, family man, and triathlete. Pittard is a contributing author of the book *By Their Deeds* and co-author of *Hunting the Caliphate: America's War on ISIS and the Dawn of the Strike Cell*.

He has led fundraising efforts for various causes such as the American Cancer Society, the United Negro College Fund, and other worthy causes. Pittard was recently selected to be a director on the Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) Board, where he serves on the Grants Review Committee. Some of his other philanthropic pursuits include founding and contributing to the Felicia J. Pittard Scholarship Fund and the Lucille and Dana Pittard Family Fund (a donor-advised fund under the Central Indiana Community Foundation).

Pittard earned a B.S. from West Point, a master's degree from the School of Advanced Military Studies at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University as a senior fellow. He has been interviewed by numerous national major news networks and is a regular contributor on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, PBS, CBS, ABC, NBC, and NPR on U.S. Defense and Middle East policy, ISIS, veteran's issues, race relations, and diversity and inclusion. Pittard has been published and interviewed in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Policy* magazine, *Military Times*, *Politico*, and other news outlets.

He and his wife, Lucille, have two grown sons and live in the Indianapolis, IN area.