

## CAMILLE BERNAL-JOHNSON, CHIEF OF STAFF



### TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF

I'm a Cali native with a passion for helping others. After graduating from the University of Colorado with a degree in Sociology, I knew that making a positive impact on people's lives was my calling. For the past 12 years, I've had the honor of being a military spouse - a role that has taught me so much about resilience and gratitude. My husband and I are proud parents to two amazing kids and currently call beautiful North Carolina home.

### WHAT IS THE SCARIEST, YET MOST REWARDING THING YOU HAVE EVER DONE?

My husband being deployed multiple times has been the scariest thing I have been through. My marriage and my children have had to endure many challenges due to deployments, trainings, and long hours of putting the mission first. The tears and many moments of "see you later" have never been easy for our family. As difficult as it's been having to thrive as a solo parent to our children, I always felt proud of our Army soldier for the sacrifices he has made to serving our country. As a military spouse, I have come to appreciate the significance of my role in aiding my spouse's mission regardless of the frequent moves, constant separation, and uncertainty of his safe return home to us.

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE DAYEN GROUP? WHAT DO YOU DO ALL DAY?

My days are always jam-packed with a variety of responsibilities. One minute, I'm working alongside our fearless leader Helen to coordinate projects and meetings. The next, I'm focused on maximizing productivity across the organization. I also handle client communication, making sure that we're always providing top-notch service to everyone we work with. Whether I'm in back-to-back meetings or checking in with clients, every day is an exciting new challenge.

### WHO IS A LEADER YOU LOOK UP TO AND WHY?

I have a leader in my life who never fails to inspire me: my amazing sister, Crystal. Not only is she an all-around fantastic person, but she's also a powerhouse in her professional life. I've never met someone who is more passionate about their work, or who is more dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others. Crystal leads from a place of kindness, compassion, and generosity always shine through. She's the kind of leader who makes you want to be your best self, both personally and professionally.

### WHAT IS A LIFE LESSON YOU WANT TO PASS ON TO YOUR KIDS?

I want my kids to know that life is unpredictable and we need to work hard to achieve our goals. The strong work ethic I learned from my family drives me to pursue excellence in everything I do. Lessons from our families are invaluable, and I hope to instill the same determination in my children.