



Lieutenant General Willard M. Burleson III

Eighth Army Commanding General
CFC Chief of Staff

Lieutenant General Bill Burleson graduated from the United States Military Academy and commissioned into the Infantry in May 1988.



Lieutenant General Burleson most recently served as the Assistant Chief of Staff U/C/J-3, United Nations Command / Combined Forces Command / United States Forces Korea.

His initial assignment was in the 7th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Ord, California which included service in the Multi-National Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt and the Invasion of Panama. He also served in 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Savannah, Georgia.

As a Captain, he commanded airborne companies in Vicenza, Italy, which included service as part of the initial entry force for operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Upon returning from Italy, he returned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Moore, Georgia and then served as the aide to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

While a Major, he served in the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Liberty, North Carolina with service in Kosovo and Afghanistan. He also served as aide to the Commanding General, XVIIIth Airborne Corps with duty in the Combined Joint Task Force Afghanistan and Multi-National Corps Iraq.

Lieutenant General Burleson commanded 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York, which included a tour with Multi-National Division, Baghdad, Iraq. After attending the Army War College, he returned to the 10th Mountain Division and commanded 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division where the brigade served in Regional Command-North, Afghanistan. Upon completion of brigade command, he served as the Commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center's Operations Group in Fort Johnson, Louisiana.

As a General Officer, he has served as the Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 7th Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; Director, Mission Command Center of Excellence, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; the Senior Advisor to the Ministry of

Defense, Afghanistan; and the Commanding General of 7th Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Lieutenant General Burleson holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, and Master's Degrees in Strategic Studies from the Army War College and in Military Art and Science from the Command and General Staff College.

Lieutenant General Burleson and his wife Cindy both come from Army families; they have a son and a daughter.