

**Lieutenant Colonel Craig W. Butera
CDR, 4th Ranger Training Battalion
Airborne Ranger Training Brigade
Maneuver Center of Excellence**



He was commissioned in 1999 from the United States Military Academy as an Infantry Officer. Following completion of training at Fort Benning, he was assigned to 3-327 IN at Fort Campbell, KY from 2000-2002 as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader. He then served as the S3 Air for 1st Brigade, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) from 2002-2003, including its deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I.

After completing the Captain's Career Course at Fort Benning, GA and the Combined Armed and Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, KS, he served as the Adjutant of 2-9 IN (M) at Camp Casey, Korea from 2004-2005. LTC Butera then served in 4th Stryker Brigade at Fort Lewis as company commander of HHC/Brigade and C Company/1-38 IN from 2005-2007, followed by commander of the Battalion Rear Detachment of 1-38 IN through 2008.

Following his PCS from Fort Lewis to The Old Guard (TOG), he served as the company commander of 529th Regimental Support Company from 2008-2009. He then served as the Battalion Operations Officer of 4-3 IN (TOG) and Executive Officer of 4-3 IN (TOG) from 2009 through 2011. Following completion of ILE at Fort Belvoir, LTC Butera returned to The Old Guard as the Regimental Operations Officer from 2012-2013.

The Butera family then moved to Brussels Belgium, where LTC Butera served as a staff officer in the NATO Standardization Office within NATO Headquarters until 2016, when they moved to Fort Benning and LTC Butera served as the XO to the US Army Infantry School Commandant.

LTC Butera's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge. He is a graduate of the Ranger Course, Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster Courses, Air Assault Course, and Pathfinder Course.