

Lt. Col. Kyle Burns

Lt. Col. Kyle Burns, a native of Bowling Green, Kentucky, began his Army career in May 2002 by enlisting in the National Guard. He earned his commission as an Infantry officer in 2007 from Eastern Kentucky University.

In 2008, Lt. Col. Burns was assigned to the 6th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Hood, Texas. He deployed to Afghanistan's Nuristan Province for 12 months, serving as a company executive officer and platoon leader. Following his redeployment, his unit relocated to Fort Knox, Kentucky. Lt. Col. Burns then deployed again to Afghanistan, serving as the assistant S3 for the 6th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment in Khost Province.

Lt. Col. Burns later commanded C Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment "Golden Dragons," 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, for 18 months. During this period, he supported operations including Orient Shield in Japan.

In 2014, Lt. Col. Burns was selected for the Project Warrior Program, serving as a Live Fire Observer Coach Trainer at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) in Fort Polk, Louisiana. In 2015, he was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, as a small group leader for the Maneuver Captains Career Course. Subsequently, Lt. Col. Burns served as aide de camp to the commanding general of the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCOE) and later worked in the Concepts Development Directorate at Fort Benning.

From 2018 to 2020, Lt. Col. Burns served with the Eighth Army in the Republic of Korea as a current operations officer. His duties included conducting numerous joint exercises with U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) and Republic of Korea (ROK) units, as well as responding to the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020, Lt. Col. Burns was assigned as the battalion operations officer for the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment "Golden Dragons," 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, at Fort Drum, New York. He then served as the battalion executive officer in 2021. Most recently, Lt. Col. Burns served on the superintendent's staff at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the NATO Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

Lt. Col. Burns is married to Jacqueline Marie Thompson Burns of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. They have four children: Kadence, Alexis, Easton, and Evelyn.