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Colonel Charles J. Burnett is the Director of the Battle Command Knowledge System (BCKS) of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He graduated from the University of Florida as a distinguished military graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer and Information Sciences and was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1981. Since then he has served in a variety of Army and Joint assignments in both the Regular Army and the Army Reserve.



After a tour as signal platoon leader at Fort Bragg, in 1983 he went to Fort Rucker where he completed flight training and later served as operations officer, executive officer, academic instructor and helicopter instructor pilot. From 1988 to 1990 he served as maintenance officer, test pilot, medevac pilot-in-command and assault helicopter pilot-in-command in Panama where he earned the Air Medal for actions in combat during operation "Just Cause." In 1990 he became the aviation programs officer at the U.S. Military Group in Colombia supporting the Colombian Air Force and Colombian Police in counter narco-guerrilla operations. He returned to Fort Bragg in 1991 as company commander in the 229th Attack Helicopter Group. In 1992 he separated from the active Army and joined the Special Operations Command South in Panama as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee.

From 1992 to 1996 he was a civilian instructor pilot and maintenance test pilot in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. He flew as pilot-in-command in counter-narcotics operations, trained host country helicopter pilots and completed test flights on U.S. State Department aircraft. From 1996 to 1997, he returned to active duty as Traditional Commander-in-Chief Activities Coordinator for the Office of Defense Cooperation in Paraguay. In 1998, he became a Department of the Army Civilian helicopter instructor at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He continued his activities in the Army Reserve as distinguished visitor bureau director, and battalion and brigade commander. Since 2008 Colonel Burnett has been Director of the Battle Command Knowledge System at Fort Leavenworth.

Colonel Burnett's military education includes the Signal Officer Basic Course, Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College and the Aviation Safety Officer Course. He is a certified Army Acquisition Professional in the Contracting, Program Management and Test and Evaluation career fields. Also a Latin America Foreign Area Officer, he has lived in eight Latin American countries and is language-qualified in Spanish, Portuguese and French.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, and the Master Army Aviator, Military Freefall Parachutist and Parachutist Badges.