



U.S. Army Combined Arms Center  
and Fort Leavenworth

**Colonel Dean Bushnell**  
**Director**  
**Combat Training Center Directorate**

COL Dean Bushnell began his career by enlisting in 1984 and serving at Fort Kobbe, Panama, and Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. He deployed in support of Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm. In 1992, COL Bushnell received his commission through Officer Candidate School as an infantry second lieutenant. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in addition to a Master of Arts in Education from Central Michigan University, Master of Military Arts and Sciences from The Air University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and Army War College.

While assigned to Schofield Barracks and the 25th Infantry Division (Light), he served as Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader in 4th Battalion, 22nd Infantry. COL Bushnell deployed in support of Operation Uphold Democracy. Upon his assignment to Fort Stewart, Georgia, he served as the Deputy Brigade S3, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). He later commanded Charlie Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry where he deployed in support of Operation Desert Thunder. Upon completion of command, he served as the S3 for 6th Brigade, First Region at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. Following Air Force Command and General Staff College, he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom III and served as an Operations Officer for Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) and Multi-National Forces-Iraq in Baghdad, Iraq.

Upon returning from Iraq, COL Bushnell briefly commanded companies in 2nd Battalion (IBOLC), 11th Infantry Regiment and 1st Battalion (BOLC II), 11th Infantry Regiment. He later served with 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division on Kelley Hill, Fort Benning, Georgia. He deployed to Iraq as part of the Baghdad Surge, serving as the S3 and Executive Officer for 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment. Prepositioned for Battalion Command, COL Bushnell served as Deputy Commander, 199th Infantry Brigade before serving as Commandant and Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment. COL Bushnell served as Deputy Commander, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, including another deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Following attendance at the Army War College, COL Bushnell served as Chief of Operations Group (COG) at the Combined Arms Center's Mission Command Training Program (MCTP).

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and silver oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two service stars, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and multiple foreign parachutist wings.