

# Biography

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**Colonel Curtis A. Buzzard**

Col. Curtis A. Buzzard was commissioned an infantry officer in 1992 from the United States Military Academy. He began his career in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and Battalion S3 Air in 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment and later served as the Brigade S3 Air. He then served on staff and as a Company Commander in both the 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and later in the 3rd US Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard).

After attending the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Buzzard returned to the 82nd Airborne Division as a Battalion Operations Officer, Battalion Executive Officer, and Battalion Commander for 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He then served as the US Army War College Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and then returned to the 82nd Airborne Division as the Division G3 and to command the 3rd Brigade Combat Team. Buzzard has also served as a strategist in the Army G3 and as the Army Military Aide to the President, serving for Presidents Bush and Obama.

Buzzard earned Master's degrees from Harvard University and the Marine Corps University. He has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and his awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (3 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (6 awards), Army Commendation Medal (3 awards), Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Presidential Service Badge, and Army Staff Badge.