

## **COL (Retired) ROBERT T. BURNS**

### **UNITED STATES ARMY**

Bob Burns was born September 5, 1961, at the U.S. Naval Air station, Naples Italy. He grew up in Florida and attended the University of Florida earning an Army ROTC scholarship. He graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery (ADA). He also holds a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

During his 24-year Army career, Mr. Burns served in a wide variety of critical leadership and staff positions, with his final tours of duty including: Military Secretariat, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, J5, the Joint Staff; Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (PATRIOT), 7<sup>th</sup> ADA, Fort Bliss, Texas; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and Camp Doha, Kuwait; Executive Officer, Directorate of Personnel Transformation, the Army Staff; Director of Training, Doctrine, and Leader Development, United States Army ADA School, Fort Bliss, Texas; and the Commander, USAG-Fort Bliss, Texas.

Upon retirement from the Army on July 1, 2008, he accepted the position of Vice President, Business Development, Defense Sector, with the El Paso Regional Economic Development Corporation (REDCo), where he was responsible for the recruitment of Defense and Homeland Security Industry to the El Paso region. He returned to Government Service in November 2009 upon selection as the XO/G5, Mission Support Element, Fort Bliss and was then selected to serve as the Deputy to the Garrison Commander, USAG-Fort Bliss, Texas, July 2010. Mr. Burns currently serves as the Director, Mission Support Element, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division and Fort Bliss, Texas since March 2012, where he is responsible for the ARFORGEN readiness posture of FORSCOM units stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Mr. Burns' military education includes graduation from the ADA Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; the Combined Arms Services Staff School; the U.S. Army Computer Science School; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; the Joint and Combined Staff Officers School; the United States Army War College; and the U.S. Army Airborne and Air Assault Schools.

His Military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC); Army Commendation Medal (3OLC); Joint Staff Achievement Medal; Army Achievement Medal (3OLC); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals; Joint Staff Identification Badge; Army Staff Identification Badge; Army Parachutist Badge; and the Air Assault Badge. Unit awards include the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Army Superior Unit award. His civilian honors include the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award.

Mr. Burns is married to Linda Burns and they have 3 children Kellie, Rusty, and Ricky.