

Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr.

U.S.A. (retired)

Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., was commissioned in Military Intelligence through the Auburn University ROTC Program in 1974. He earned a Master of Science degree in Education from the University of Southern California in 1980, and a Master of Military Arts and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College in 1986.



Lieutenant General Burgess' military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Military Intelligence Officers Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Advanced Military Studies Program, and the Air War College.

Lieutenant General Burgess has held a variety of key staff and command positions. His staff assignments include: Assistant Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Washington, D.C. in 1990; G2, 25th Infantry Division (Light) from June 1993 to June 1994 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He served as J2, Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), Fort Bragg, North Carolina from July 1997 to June 1999; Director for Intelligence (J2) U.S. Southern Command from July 1999 until May 2003, and J2, Joint Staff from June 2003 to July 2005.

Lieutenant General Burgess assumed duty as the Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Customer Outcomes in August 2005 transitioning to Director of the Intelligence Staff in February 2007.

He was dual-hatted twice as the Acting Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence from May 2006 to October 2007, and January to February 2009.

Lieutenant General Burgess' command assignments include: Company Commander, 124th Military Intelligence Battalion, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Georgia; command of the 125th Military Intelligence Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from June 1991 to June 1993; and command of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade in Panama from July 1995 to June 1997. Lieutenant General Burgess became the 17th Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency on March 18, 2009.

Lieutenant General Burgess' personal awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (Two Oak Leaf Clusters); Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (Four Oak Leaf Clusters); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; NATO Medal for Yugoslavia; Army General Staff Identification Badge; Joint Staff Identification Badge and Parachutist Badge.

Lt. General Burgess officially retired from the US Army on September 1, 2012. He joined Auburn University on December 1, 2012, as Senior Counsel for National Security Programs, Cyber Programs and Military Affairs. In this capacity he works across the university to interface and coordinate with federal, state and commercial entities on all matters related to these areas.