



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL CHRISTOPHER F. BURNE

Lieutenant General Christopher F. Burne is The Judge Advocate General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In that capacity, General Burne serves as the Legal Adviser to the Secretary of the Air Force and all officers and agencies of the Department of the Air Force. He directs all judge advocates in the performance of their duties and is responsible for the professional oversight of more than 2,200 judge advocates, 350 civilian attorneys, 1,400 enlisted paralegals and 500 civilians in the Total Force Judge Advocate General's Corps worldwide. General Burne oversees military justice, operational and international law, and civil law functions at every level of command.



General Burne is a native of Dunmore, PA. He received a direct commission in 1983. Following the lead of his father, a decorated World War II Eighth Air Force B-24 bombardier, General Burne's first assignment was to an Eighth Air Force bomber base in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Since then, he has served in a variety of legal advisor and leadership positions at every level of command, to include seven tours as a staff judge advocate and director of the Secretary of the Air Force's Executive Issues Team. In 1991, he deployed to the United Arab Emirates during Operation DESERT STORM as the staff judge advocate for an aerial refueling wing. For his service in three major commands, including a combat theater of operations, General Burne was named the 1991 Air Force Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year. In 1995, General Burne again deployed to Southwest Asia, this time to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to serve as the Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia Staff Judge Advocate. Following the 9-11 terrorist attacks, he served as the senior judge advocate on the Air Force Crisis Action Team directing mobilization and response operations from the Pentagon. General Burne is admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Prior to becoming The Judge Advocate General, General Burne served as the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA.

EDUCATION

- 1980 Bachelor of Arts in History and Law Enforcement, University of Scranton, PA
- 1983 Juris Doctor, The Dickinson School of Law, PA
- 1986 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)
- 1993 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1998 Air War College (seminar)
- 2003 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1984 - April 1987, Chief, Civil Law and Chief, Military Justice, 380th Bomb Wing, Plattsburgh AFB, NY
2. April 1987 - August 1989, Executive Officer to the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, NE

3. August 1989 - May 1990, Circuit Defense Counsel, 4th Judicial Circuit, Offutt AFB, NE
4. May 1990 - November 1991, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Western Space and Missile Center, Vandenberg AFB, CA
5. November 1991 - July 1992, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 20th Air Force, Vandenberg AFB, CA
6. July 1992 - June 1993, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. July 1993 - July 1994, Staff Judge Advocate, 32d Fighter Group, Soesterberg Air Base, The Netherlands
8. July 1994 - July 1997, Director, Operations Law, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL
9. July 1997 - July 2000, Staff Judge Advocate, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, SC
10. July 2000 - July 2002, Chief, Administrative Law, General Law Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2002 - June 2003, Student, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2003 - July 2005, Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force District of Washington and 11th Wing, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2005 - December 2005, Director, Air Force Executive Issues Team, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. December 2005 – July 2006, Vice Commander, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2006 – April 2007, Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, Barksdale AFB, LA
16. April 2007 – May 2014, Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
17. May 2014 – present, The Judge Advocate General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1994 - July 1997, Director, Operations Law, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant December 1, 1983
Captain July 6, 1984
Major February 1, 1992
Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 1997
Colonel May 1, 2002
Brigadier General November 2, 2008
Lieutenant General May 23, 2014

(Current as of September 2014)