



Colonel Christopher M. Buck

Commander, 78th Aviation Troop Command



COL Christopher M. Buck grew up on St. Simons Island, GA and joined the Georgia Army National Guard in 1992 as an Infantryman in H Co, 121st IN (LRS). He was commissioned as an Aviation Lieutenant on active duty in 1996 following graduation from North Georgia College.

COL Buck's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from North Georgia College, a Master of Science Degree in Management from the University of Maryland University College and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

His military education includes Aviation Officers Basic Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, Aviation Captain's Career Course, and Command and General Staff College Advanced Operations Course and the Air War College (resident). COL Buck's Army Aviation graduate schools include the UH60 Instructor Pilot Course and UH60 Maintenance Test Pilot Course. COL Buck is a Master Army Aviator with over 2500 hours flight hours, including over 2400 hours in the UH60A/L.

COL Buck has held numerous Army command and staff assignments at the platoon through brigade levels. Key leadership assignments include: S2, 2-2 AHB Republic of Korea; Platoon Leader, S Troop 4/3 ACR Ft Carson, CO and Bosnia Herzegovina (SFOR 7); Plans Officer, Directorate of Training, United States Army Infantry Center, Ft Benning GA; HHC and E Co Commander, 1-171st GSAB; S4, 1-171st GSAB; OCS Commander, Regional Training Institute (RTI); Assistance S3, 1-185th AHB, Operation New Dawn; S3 & S4, 78th Aviation Troop Command, and Commander of 1-171st GSAB during KFOR 26, and Plans Officer, JFHQ, GA National Guard. COL Buck has held numerous full-time positions within aviation including AASF Commander and currently serves as the Commander, 78th Aviation Troop Command & State Army Aviation Officer - Georgia.

COL Buck has participated in combat, contingency and humanitarian operations including Operations NEW DAWN, Operation JOINT FORGE, and Operation JOINT GUARDIAN. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge and Master Army Aviator Badge.

COL Buck is married to the former Wendy Knight of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. They live in Roswell, GA and have two children, Emily and Benjamin.