

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**BRIGADIER GENERAL  
ED BURLEY**  
*U.S. Army, Retired*

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Brigadier General (Retired) Ed Burley was born at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He is the first General Officer to be selected from the Psychological Operations Branch. A Ranger and Jumpmaster, he commanded and served with distinction in the 82nd Airborne Division, the 29th Infantry Division (Light), the 2nd Psychological Operations Group, and the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, with overseas tours and deployments to Panama, Egypt, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Korea, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, and Afghanistan.

Commissioned in 1983 as a Regular Army Infantry Officer, Brig. Gen. Burley is an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He served on active duty with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. After an initial Army Reserve assignment in 1987 with 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne), General Burley joined the Virginia Army National Guard as battalion operations officer and rifle company commander of Co. C, 1st Battalion 170th Infantry (Light). In 1996 he returned to the Army Reserve and began his long association with the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne),

Brigadier General Burley served with 2nd Psychological Operations Group. He became the Battalion S-3 operations officer for the 11th PSYOP Battalion in 1996 as planning began for Operation Joint Endeavor and deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of the NATO Implementation Force. While there, he assumed command of a tactical PSYOP detachment of the 312th PSYOP Company. During that time, General Burley led several key initial peace enforcement initiatives in Bosnia, including facilitating the first resettlement of Muslim Bosnians in the Zone of Separation. Upon return to the United States, he served as Executive Officer, 11th PSYOP Battalion; Commander of the 305th Tactical PSYOP Company from 1999-2002; and Commander, 11th PSYOP Battalion.

In 2008, Brigadier General Burley took command of the 2nd PSYOP Group, and subsequently moved his command post forward to Baghdad, Iraq, simultaneously commanding the Psychological Operations Task Force-Iraq and 2nd PSYOP Group elements in Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, Dubai and CONUS.

Brigadier General Burley also served with the 352nd CA Command, during combat operations in Iraq and later as Commander, of a Civil Affairs Functional Specialty Team. In 2010, he was selected for promotion and took command of the 352nd CA Command.

Brigadier General Burley's decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Medal, five Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and foreign parachutist badges.

General Burley holds a Bachelor's in English Literature from the University of Notre Dame, a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a Doctorate in Law from the University of Virginia. He is a career prosecutor with the Department of Justice. He was assigned to the Iraq Regime Crime Liaison's Office to assist with the prosecution of Saddam Hussein and other former Iraqi Regime leaders.

Brigadier General Burley is married to Dr. Eriko Kennedy, of Darwin, Northern Territory of Australia. They have five children