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**COLONEL
DOROTHEA M. BURKE**
U.S. Army, Retired

Inducted 2021



Colonel Dorothea M. Burke was commissioned a Military Police (MP) officer as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Gonzaga University in May 1982, and continued to serve on active duty for 30 years with over 15 years as a Psychological Operations (PSYOP) officer. During service, Col. Burke deployed to Bosnia, Panama, Haiti, Korea, and Afghanistan, among other locations across the globe. Since retirement in May 2012, Col. Burke has served as a DoD Civil Servant in the Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command.

Col. Burke's Military Police assignments included Platoon Leader in 3rd Infantry Division; and Chief, New Equipment Training, U.S. Army MP School. Commanded Company C, 795th MP Battalion, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th MP Brigade. Also served as S3, 502d Transportation Battalion, where Col. Burke managed the deployment and redeployment of forces from Germany to Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Later served as Executive Officer, 25th MP Battalion and subsequently MP Brigade-Hawaii.

Col. Burke's PSYOP assignments included Detachment Commander and Commander, B Company, 6th PSYOP Battalion (Airborne); and Chief Current Operations, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne). From 2001-2003, commanded the United States Indo-Pacific Command PSYOP Battalion (Airborne). Following command, Col. Burke was assigned to USSOCOM as Chief, PSYOP Concept Development Branch, J39 PSYOP Division and later Chief, Plans and Program Division, Joint PSYOP Support Element. Served as Deputy CJ5, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan from 2007-2008. From 2008-2011, commanded USSOCOM's Joint Military Information Support Command, and concluded her military service in Afghanistan as a Senior Advisor for the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan.

Col. Burke's professional education and training included: Military Police Officer Basic and Advance Officer courses, PSYOP Officer and Joint PSYOP Staff Planner's courses, Command and General Staff College, Defense Strategy Course, and National War College. She has Master's degrees in International Relations from Troy State University, and National Security and Strategy Studies from the National Defense University.

Col. Burke's military awards and decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (x2), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (x4), Meritorious Service Medal (x5), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Senior Parachutist and Air Assault Badges, and other achievement, service and campaign medals, unit, and foreign awards. Civilian recognition included Civilian Meritorious Service Medal, and Joint Civilian Achievement Medal, among others awards.