



**Lloyd W. Buchanan, Jr.**  
**Colonel, Aviation**  
**United States Army**  
**Commandant, NATO School (SHAPE)**

Colonel Lloyd Wayne Buchanan, Jr., "Buck" was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Raised in an Air Force family he spent his formative years moving around Europe and the United States. He was drafted into the Army in 1966, trained as a helicopter mechanic at Fort Rucker, AL, and completed his enlisted service as a helicopter crew chief at Ft. Hood, TX. He was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School in 1968 and completed Army Aviation Flight School in 1969.

His assignments from 1969 to 1975 include:

Platoon Leader, 128<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company, Phu Loi, South Vietnam.  
Flight Instructor, Army Aviation School, Ft. Stewart, GA.  
Supervisory Instructor, Aviation Survival School, Ft. Stewart, GA.  
Command Administrative Officer, Headquarters, Ft. Stewart, GA.  
Commander, C Battery, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 37<sup>th</sup> FA, 2ID, South Korea.  
Platoon Leader, 273<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Company (Heavy Lift), Ft. Sill, OK.

In September 1975, with the U.S. military forces drawing down following the Vietnam War, Colonel Buchanan was selected for reduction-in-force from the officer ranks and invited to join the Army Aviation Warrant Officer Corps eventually attaining the rank of CW3. In August 1980, while assigned in Alaska, he was recalled to active duty with a direct appointment back to the rank of captain.

Colonel Buchanan's assignments from 1980 to present include:

Commander, Aviation Maintenance Company, Davison Army Airfield, Ft. Belvoir, VA.  
Executive Officer, Helicopter Company, Davison Army Airfield, Ft. Belvoir, VA.  
Management Staff Officer, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army, The Pentagon.  
Commander, C Company, 2<sup>d</sup> Aviation Bn, 2d Infantry Division, South Korea.  
Executive Officer, 2d Bn, 2d Aviation Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, South Korea.  
Deputy, C/J/G3 Aviation Division, Combined Forces Command, Seoul, South Korea.  
Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 222<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Ft. Eustis, VA.  
Staff Officer, Policy Division, Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT), Brunssum, The Netherlands.  
Commander, AFCENT Support Group, Brunssum, The Netherlands.  
Commandant, NATO School (SHAPE), Oberammergau, Germany.

Colonel Buchanan's military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Advance Course, Aviation Logistics Officers Course, Aviation Maintenance Officers Course, Army Test Pilot Course, Army Command and General Staff College, Naval War College, Joint Professional Military Education 1 and 2, and the NATO Logistics Officers Course.

He received a Bachelor's Degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and holds a Master's Degree in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Colonel Buchanan's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross (1OLC), Bronze Star Medal (1OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5OLC) Air Medal (27OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (1OLC), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. Colonel Buchanan is also authorized to wear the Army Master Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Army General Staff Identification Badge and the Republic of Korea's Aviation Master Badge of Honor.