

Richard M. Blunt, Brigadier General, USA (Retired)



Brigadier General Rich Blunt, (USA, Ret), was born in New York, N.Y... He graduated from Norwich University, in May 1972 with a BA. He is a graduate of the Transportation Corps Officer Basic, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, numerous specialty courses, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, the Command and General Staff College, the Army War College and the National Defense University's Capstone General and Flag Officer Course

During a career spanning over thirty-three years of active and reserve service, Brigadier General Blunt has served in numerous command and staff assignments. He has commanded at the company, battalion and brigade levels and served both in Europe and Asia. Among his assignments were Commander, 297th Combat Support Battalion, Commander, 297th Regiment, (Regional Training Institute), Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Alaska Army National Guard, Commander Task Force Falcon Rear (Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo), Commander US Forces Macedonia, Director Operations, US Forces Korea and Deputy Combined Rear Area Coordinator, Combined Forces Command, Korea.

Following his retirement from the Army, in Sep 2005, Brigadier General Blunt became the Director of Ministerial Reform for L3 MPRI in support of the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan, where he directed efforts focused on the reform of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's Ministries of Defense and Interior. In 2008 Brigadier General Blunt assumed responsibility for all of L3 MPRI's operations in the Republic of Korea. His particular areas of emphasis were the organizational structure and future relationship of US and Korean Command and Control Headquarters following the agreed upon Transition of Operational Control.

Brigadier General Blunt returned to the United States in September 2012 to pursue active retirement. He has not been completely successful as he continues to serve as a senior mentor and senior advisor during exercises in the Pacific Rim.

His awards and decorations include:

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Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Achievement Medal
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters)
National Defense Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)
Kosovo Campaign Medal (with Bronze Campaign Star)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass and M device)
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon
Army Reserve Overseas Deployment Training Ribbon

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NATO Medal for Kosovo Operations