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Colonel Douglas R. Hurst, USA, Ret.



Colonel Hurst commissioned as a Field Artillery officer and deployed to The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm as an Ammunition Platoon Leader shortly after graduating the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. Colonel Hurst served in virtually every battalion and Brigade level Artillery position to include Platoon Leader, Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Battery Commander, S4, S2, and Operations Officer. As a Lieutenant, he served in a Cannon Artillery Battalion. Before promotion to Captain, he attended the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Cadre Course for the conversion from cannon to rockets and had two back-to-back commands of an MLRS Battery.

Shortly after promotion to Major, he attended the Civil Affairs Qualification Course at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, NC. He would serve the remainder of his career in Army Special Operations and Security Cooperation and Assistance. Major Hurst was assigned to U.S. Army Central Command as the Civil Affairs Deputy Chief of Plans. In this role, he was responsible for writing the Civil Affairs Annex to the Army Components Campaign Plan as well as providing the U. S. Army Central Command commander inputs for Civil Considerations during both exercises and operations. He was selected to deploy to Egypt as the U. S. Army Central Command Host Nation Liaison for the Multinational Bi-Annual Exercise BRIGHT STAR. In this position, he was responsible for all coordination between U. S. Forces, Egypt and all other countries participating in this exercise. This coordination included solving real-world logistical issues, Key leader Engagements between U.S. Army Central Command Leadership and the Senior Representatives from participating countries, as well as maintaining an open dialogue between all countries. In his final assignment at U. S. Army Central Command, he deployed to Djibouti, Africa as the U. S. Army Central Command Liaison to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. In this position, Major Hurst provided the commander and leadership with daily inputs from the task Force, provided oversight of U. S. Army

units assigned to the Task Force, and coordinated all Security Cooperation and Key Leader Engagements in the Horn of Africa.

After completion of the Command and General Staff Course officer, Major Hurst was assigned to the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command as the Special Operations Forces Operations Officer. In this position, he provided the commander and leadership with inputs, considerations, and capabilities of Special Operations Units. During this assignment, he was tasked to both U.S. Navy Central Command and U. S. Central Command where he served in various special purpose cells providing input on behalf of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command and Joint Forces Command.

As a Lieutenant Colonel, Hurst was again assigned to U. S. Army Central Command in the G5 as the Desk Officer for Iran, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. In this role, Lieutenant Colonel Hurst was responsible for coordination between U.S. Central Command J5-SC and the U.S. Embassy country teams to write the individual country plans, planning Theater Security Cooperation events and executing the events between U. S. units and agencies and the partner nation. Subsequently, he was assigned as the Branch Chief for the Arabian Peninsula and The Levant. In this position, he was responsible for the oversight of the Desk Officers and advising the commander and leadership on issues within the assigned countries as well as prepping the commander for Key Leader Engagements. During his time in support of U. S. Army Central Command, he spent a total of nineteen months in the forward headquarters working directly with all our partners in the Area of Responsibility. Lieutenant Colonel Hurst directly worked with, planned and executed over 300 hundred individual Theater Security Cooperation and Key Leader Engagements while traveling to and working with our partners in Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, The United Arab Emirates, and Qatar.

Colonel Hurst was subsequently assigned to U. S. Army Special Operations Command and the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, NC. During this assignment, he was the Lead Concept Developer to provide the Army Special Operations Forces and General Purpose Forces a solution for the Army's Engagement and War-Fighting Function. Colonel Hurst led his team to develop and submit to Headquarters, Department of the Army, a Concept Plan, to create the new AOC 38G, Military Governance Specialist and the Institute for Military Support to Governance, a new entity under the U. S. Army Special Operations Command. This Concept Plan addressed the U. S. Army's and primarily the Civil Affairs responsibility to conduct Military Support to Governance. These Military Governance Specialists would advise at the ministerial and provincial level with Institute for Military Support to Governance facilitating in 38G force generation and sustainment of civil sector expertise to enable to Joint Force Commanders to execute transitional military authority and support to civil administration.

Colonel Hurst completed his career at U. S. Central Command where he deployed to Kuwait to work as the Vice Chief, Office of Military Cooperation-Kuwait and the Director, Defense Coordination Element-Kuwait, United States Embassy Kuwait. During this period, Colonel Hurst actively managed the Kuwait-United States Defense Cooperation Agreement, ensuring the accomplishment of U. S. Central Command's theater security objectives to include unprecedented levels of access, basing and overflight. Additionally, he authored standard operating procedures designed to guide all United States military tenant and transit units' interactions with the Kuwait Ministry of Defense to include air requests, exercises, engagements, and senior leader visits. Furthermore, he chaired and led the Camp Buehring Working Group; a combined body charged with planning and executing the relocation of United States Army personnel from a contingency to an enduring location, an effort designed to improve the living

conditions of deployed military personnel. He provided oversight and management of 133 engineering projects valued at \$149 million. Upon returning to the headquarters in Tampa, he led U. S. Central Command combined efforts to replace the aging Eskan Village, which houses U. S. Forces stationed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Colonel Hurst's awards include: Defense Superior Service Medal, The Bronze Star Medal, The Defense Meritorious Medal, The Meritorious Medal (awarded five times), The Joint Services Commendation Medal, The Army Commendation Medal (awarded four times), The Joint Services Achievement Medal, The Army Achievement Medal, The Army Good Conduct Medal, and includes Campaign Medals from Desert Storm and the Global War on Terrorism.

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