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**MAJ. GEN. HERBERT L. ALTSHULER**  
**Commanding General**  
Assumed command on April 28, 2001

Maj. Gen. Herbert L. (“Buz”) Altshuler graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1967 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry.

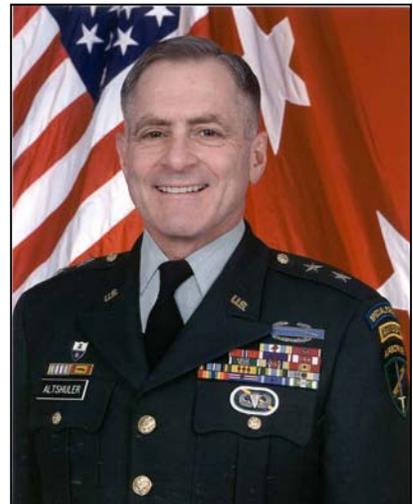
His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Ranger Course, the Special Forces Qualification Course, the Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. While on active duty, he served in a variety of infantry assignments in CONUS and overseas. He served as a rifle platoon leader in the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade and as a battalion operations officer and rifle company commander in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry in Vietnam. Between overseas tours, he served in various command and staff positions, including senior aide-de-camp to then Maj. Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and Fort Carson, Colo.

After leaving active duty, he served as operations officer, 14<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Battalion, and as operations officer, 7<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Group. Later, while assigned to the 351<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Command, he served as exercise director, secretary general staff and headquarters commandant. In October 1985, Lt. Col. Altshuler assumed command of the 353<sup>rd</sup> Psychological Operations Battalion. Upon graduation from the War College, Lt. Col. Altshuler was reassigned to the 351<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Command as chief of the operations and plans division, where he was promoted to colonel in 1989. On June 7, 1992, Col. Altshuler assumed command of the 7<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Group.

In December 1995 he was mobilized and deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor where he served as commander, Combined Joint Psychological Operations/IFOR Information Campaign Task Force, and senior psychological operations officer for the IFOR staff in Bosnia-Herzegovina. After returning home in March 1996, he relinquished command of the 7<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Group and assumed command of the 351<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Command. He returned to Bosnia with the 351<sup>st</sup> as commander of the Combined Joint Civil Military Task Force and deputy CJ9, CIMIC. On June 27, 1997, he was promoted to brigadier general. Upon his return from Bosnia in January 1998, he resumed command of the 351<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Command until March 18, 2000. He next commanded the 89<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command in Wichita, Kansas, from March 28, 2000 until April 2001. He was promoted to major general on October 7, 2000.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with “V” Device and five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Ranger tab and the Special Forces tab.

Altshuler holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy and a Master of Business Administration degree from James Madison University.



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