



## 1SG Melissa Burke

### The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School and NCOA, Deputy Commandant

First Sergeant Melissa Burke is from Madison, Georgia. She graduated Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in 1992, obtaining the MOS of 27D, Paralegal Specialist.

Her assignments include, Brigade Paralegal Specialist, 10th Division Support Command, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York 1992 – 1994, with deployments to Homestead, Florida in support of Hurricane Andrew Relief and to Mogadishu, Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope; Paralegal Specialist Trial Defense Service and Client Services, Kitzingen Law Center, Kitzingen, Germany, 1994 – 1996; Paralegal NCO, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia, 1996 – 1998; Brigade NCOIC, 93d Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, Georgia, 1998 – 1999; Criminal Law NCOIC and Client Services NCOIC, Darmstadt Law Center; Darmstadt, Germany, 1999 – 2002; Senior Paralegal NCO and Clerk of Court, Trial Judiciary Services, United States Army Legal Services Agency, Arlington, Virginia, 2002 - 2004; Criminal Law NCOIC and Chief Paralegal NCO, 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 2004 – 2006, with a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq, Criminal Law NCOIC, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 2006 – 2007; Chief Paralegal NCO, United States Army Garrison, Fort Detrick, Maryland, 2007 – 2009; NCOIC, Training Development Directorate, TJAGLCS, Charlottesville, Virginia, 2009 – 2010; Senior Small Group Leader, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, TJAGLCS, Charlottesville, Virginia, 2010 – 2012; Chief Paralegal, Command Paralegal and Senior Military Justice Operations NCO, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

First Sergeant Burke's military education includes the Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Evaluator Instructor Course, Staff and Faculty Development Course, Small Group Instructor Training Course, Basic Instructor Training Course and Combatives level 1 Course.

First Sergeant Burke's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (6 oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (6 oak leaf clusters); the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (4 oak leaf clusters), the Army Good Conduct Medal (7th award) and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

First Sergeant Burke is also the 5th recipient of the SGT Eric L. Coggins Award of Excellence.