



William J. Butler

Colonel, U.S. Army {Retired}
President, National Veterans Memorial and Museum

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

November 2025-Present
President
February 2024-November 2025
Acting President
Assistant Instructor, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University

May 2019-February 2024
Chief of Staff, NVMM
Assistant Instructor, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University

May 2017-May 2019
Senior Department of the Army, Civilian U.S. Army Africa

U.S. ARMY EXPERIENCE

May 1990-March 2017
Various roles in the U.S. Army

EDUCATION

Harvard Kennedy School
Senior Executive Fellow

U.S. Army War College
Master of Strategic Studies

Troy State University
Master of Education

Eastern Kentucky University
Bachelor of Arts, History

MEMBERSHIP

- ★ National Infantry Association
- ★ Ranger Regiment Association
- ★ Airborne Brigade Association
- ★ Disabled American Veterans
- ★ American Legion

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

William J. Butler is a seasoned non-profit leader with a proven record of strategic planning, operational leadership, and organizational growth. At the NVMM, he has spearheaded initiatives resulting in significant increases in attendance and earned revenue, while also driving measurable cost efficiencies.

Prior to returning to Ohio in 2019, he was a senior Department of the Army civilian with U.S. Army Africa in Vicenza, Italy. A career Infantry officer, he retired from the U.S. Army in 2017 after 27 years of active-duty service in leadership roles across the United States, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East

Key assignments included:

- ★ Planned and led leader development programs at U.S. Army Cadet Command, the U.S. Army Infantry School, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and with key African and European allies and partners.
- ★ Commanded Light Infantry, Ranger, and Airborne units through battalion level; extensive staff experience at combined and joint task force and levels.
- ★ Completed three year-long combat deployments to Iraq (1) and Afghanistan (2).
- ★ Military technical advisor for the film "Black Hawk Down."
- ★ Mentor, trainer, and military leadership panel member for Emory University's Goizueta Business School.

Raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Bill was a Distinguished Military Graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and was commissioned a Regular Army Second Lieutenant in 1990.

He and his wife, Mindy, are the parents of two adult children, both of whom have chosen careers in public or military service. Throughout his career, he received numerous awards and honors.