

LTG Jeff Buchanan commanded US Army North (Fifth Army), and after a 37 year Army career, he retired from active duty on 1 September 2019. LTG Buchanan was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry under the ROTC program after graduating from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology in 1982. He earned a Master of Arts in Leadership Development from the US Military Academy in 1992 and was the Distinguished Graduate of a year-long international security fellowship at the Geneva Center for Security Policy in 2002.

He commanded at every level from Platoon to Theater Army, and his assignments include tours in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, 25th Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division, the 10th Mountain Division, and I Corps. He served four combat tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. From 2016-2019, he served as USNORTHCOM's Joint Forces Land Component Commander and led the operational-level military response in support of FEMA for five major hurricanes (Matthew, Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Florence) and in support of the US Customs and Border Protection Agency for SW border security.

Upon retirement, he and his wife moved home to Patagonia, Arizona, where he consults from his home office. In addition to serving as a Senior Fellow for National Defense University, LTG Buchanan serves as a Senior Mentor for the Department of the Army. He currently serves on two not-for-profit boards: Worldmaker International/The National Resilience Institute, and 360 VA. Jeff also currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Arizona State Parks and Trails, and is an advisor to the Board of Directors for the Autonomy Institute. He recently joined Entrustment Health as their Chief Learning Officer. Jeff and his wife Laura (who also has a BS in Wildlife Ecology) are passionate about the conservation of natural resources and are members of various conservation organizations ranging from the Arizona Elk Society to the National Wildlife Federation. Jeff and Laura have three adult children (all married) and six grandchildren.