

J.W. "Bucky" Buckner, MD, FACS

In 1990, he began an active duty stint in the Air Force. During this tour of duty, he deployed to Germany in support of Operation Desert Storm and also deployed to South Korea. Dr. Buckner earned the Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) while training with the 1st MASH at Ft Riley, Kansas. Upon his release from active duty in 1993, he received the Meritorious Service Medal. He then transferred to the Air Force Active Reserves.

Dr. Buckner returned to Springfield in 1993 and joined Ferrell Duncan Clinic. He has practiced all areas of general and vascular surgery since his return to Southwest Missouri. He became the first surgeon in Springfield to perform a number of new procedures in the treatment of breast cancer and has also participated in breast cancer research.

Dr. Buckner continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves until June of 2000 when he resigned his commission. The events of Sept 11, 2001 compelled Dr. Buckner to once again serve his country and he signed up for the United States Army Reserves. During the past 10 years, Col Buckner has deployed 3 times to Iraq and once to Afghanistan.

Dr. Buckner's last deployment was in 2010, when he served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 101st Airborne. As a member of the 934th Forward Surgical Team, he was stationed at Forward Operating Base Sharana in Eastern Afghanistan.

Dr. Buckner has received the Meritorious Service Medal, 4 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Army Achievement Medals, National Defense Medal, Army Reserve Medal, Army Overseas Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the coveted, Combat Medics Badge for his service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Col Buckner is currently a member of the retired Reserves since November of 2013 after over 28 years of Active and Active Reserve Service to the Armed Forces.

Dr. Buckner has been honored in the Springfield community with multiple awards. He received the Missourian Award in 2012, an award given to Outstanding Missourians.

Dr. Buckner and his wife of 34 years, Rochelle, live in Springfield, Missouri and have three children, as well as, five grandchildren.