

Robert Howard, J.D.

Academic and Professional Interests: Law; public policy; national security; international relations; leadership; strategic planning; organizational management; military affairs; risk management; and professional writing.

Education

Juris Doctor

Charleston School of Law, Charleston, South Carolina — 2025

Bachelor of Science, International Relations

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida — 1998

Professional Certifications

IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program — 2025

- Earned IRS Basic and Advanced Tax Preparation certification.
- Prepared and electronically filed more than one hundred federal and state tax returns for low- to moderate-income clients.
- Conducted client interviews, identified applicable deductions and credits, and performed quality reviews to support accuracy and compliance.

Professional Experience

Volunteer Tax Preparer, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program — 2025

- Applied federal and state tax-law knowledge to prepare individual income-tax returns.
- Protected sensitive client financial information while conducting client interviews and explaining tax-related matters.
- Performed peer quality reviews using professional tax-preparation software.

Regional Owner, Tradebank of Charleston — 2021–2022

- Directed business operations, fiscal management, strategic planning, marketing, client relations, personnel supervision, and regulatory compliance.
- Developed and implemented business strategies associated with 30% revenue growth.
- Built client relationships that supported a 99% customer-retention rate.

United States Army — 1989–2021

Retired U.S. Army Infantry Officer; attained rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Deputy Chief of Current Operations, U.S. Army Central

Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina — 2018–2021

- Led planning supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Spartan Shield, and Inherent Resolve.
- Provided operational analysis and recommendations to senior leaders across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.
- Oversaw more than 1,000 operations, fragmentary, and warning orders supporting forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Turkey, and more than twenty additional countries.
- Managed military personnel, Department of the Army civilians, and contractors through procedures, knowledge management, and staff synchronization.

Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment

Fort Benning, Georgia — 2016–2017

- Commanded and trained six companies comprising 110 cadre members and 1,350 Soldiers.
- Directed eighteen annual Basic and Advanced Infantry Training cycles and helped produce approximately 4,000 trained infantry Soldiers annually.
- Led the integration and training of women into enlisted infantry ranks.
- Hosted U.S. elected officials, foreign military representatives, and other senior visitors.
- Supported security-cooperation engagement with an Israeli Army delegation.

Secretary of the General Staff, 3rd Infantry Division

Fort Stewart, Georgia — 2015–2016

- Coordinated daily activities of the division command group and served as deputy chief of staff supporting six brigades.
- Managed, drafted, and edited command correspondence between higher headquarters and subordinate organizations.
- Developed deployment-readiness policies and procedures that improved combat-readiness ratings.

Chief of Staff, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division

Fort Stewart, Georgia — 2014

- Directed operations, personnel, and logistics efforts for a 168-member staff supporting six battalions and more than 4,000 Soldiers.
- Served as principal advisor to the brigade commander on operations, readiness, and staff execution.
- Restored accountability for \$20 million in spare parts and equipment.
- Oversaw a \$6 million budget and accountability for more than \$417 million in equipment.

Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment

Fort Stewart, Georgia; Al Anbar, Iraq; Wardak and Logar, Afghanistan — 2011–2014

- Directed operations, personnel, and logistics for six companies and more than 1,000 Soldiers.
- Served as principal advisor to the battalion commander during combat operations in Logar, Afghanistan.
- Served as senior advisor to an Afghan Army battalion commander in Wardak, Afghanistan.
- Planned and coordinated combat operations in Al Anbar, Iraq.

Senior Military Advisor, 1st Battalion, 2/203 Corps, Afghan National Army
Paktika, Afghanistan — 2009

- Led a multinational, multiservice advisor team responsible for training, equipping, resupplying, and preparing an Afghan infantry battalion for combat.
- Collaborated with civilian and security leaders in support of counterinsurgency, stability, and security objectives.

Observer Trainer, Joint Readiness Training Center
Fort Polk, Louisiana – 2006-2008

- Observed and evaluated infantry company commanders, platoon leaders, and key leaders assessing tactical planning, mission command, and adherence to Army doctrine.
- Mentored unit leaders and delivered detailed after-action reviews to improve combat readiness and decision-making, in complex operational environments.

Company Commander, D Company, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment
Fort Bragg, North Carolina – 2004-2006

- Commanded 125 paratroopers in combat in Iraq. Conducted combat and security operations in and around Baghdad to ensure the safe execution of Iraq's 2005 national elections.
- Planned, resourced, and lead collective training, and leader development, to ensure the company could rapidly deploy and conduct missions in support of the 82nd Airborne Division's mission.

Leadership and Teaching-Relevant Expertise

- Legal analysis, policy interpretation, drafting, editing, and risk assessment
- Leadership development, personnel management, and team building
- Training design, instructional execution, and organizational development
- Strategic planning, operations management, and project management
- Multinational and interagency coordination
- National security, military operations, and international affairs
- Professional communication and senior-leader advising
- President of the Student Veterans Association at the Charleston School of Law

Professional Military Education

Command and General Staff College — Graduate, 2010

Ranger School — Graduate, 2003

Infantry Captain's Career Course — Graduate, 2002

Infantry Officer Basic Course — Graduate, 1998

Additional Interests

Round Canopy Parachute Team; personal fitness; reading; golf.