

Colonel Joseph Kuchan, born in Geneva, Switzerland but a native of Peoria, Illinois, was commissioned into the Infantry in 1995 from the United States Military Academy. He has served in a variety of Command and Staff positions in the 82d Airborne Division and 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and has deployed multiple times to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

His assignments include rifle platoon leader, reconnaissance platoon leader and company executive officer 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Ranger Instructor at the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Eglin AFB Florida. Company Commander in 1st Battalion 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Aide de Camp to the Commanding General of the Multi-National Security and Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I), Aide de Camp to the Commanding General of the Combined Arms Center at FT Leavenworth, Kansas.

Following Command and General Staff College he served as Battalion Executive Officer and then the Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Maneuver planner with the United Kingdom's 6th Division and the 10th Mountain Division in Regional Command South, Afghanistan and Deputy Operations Officer for the 82nd Airborne Division in Regional Command South. He commanded 1st Battalion, 505th Infantry Regiment (3BCT) of the 82nd Airborne Division from 2012 to 2014, and following command he served in NATO's Allied Land Command (LANDCOM) in Izmir, Turkey. Upon graduation from the Army War College he returned to FT Campbell as the operations officer (G3) for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Colonel Kuchan has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy, a Masters in Military Arts and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies, and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (4 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), the Army Commendation Medal (with V device), the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

He is married.