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COL Michael Parent leads the Counter-small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Acquisition and Resources Division, under the Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office (RCCTO), providing direct support to the Joint Counter-small UAS Office (JCO), a two-star directorate assigned to assess, identify, review, and endorse joint requirements and capabilities on countering the small UAS threat.

COL Parent is a 1997 graduate of Saint Michael's College, Vermont, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He completed his master's degree in operations management from the University of Texas, Arlington, in 2009, where he was selected for Training with Industry at Lockheed Martin's Missiles and Fire Control. He is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps and holds an Advanced Program Management certification (PM Level III) and is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). COL Parent is a U.S. Army War College graduate.



Before his role at RCCTO, he served as the Department of the Army centrally selected Project Manager overseeing development, procurement, and fielding for the Long-Range Discrimination Radar (LRDR), and Homeland Defense Radar (HDR) programs to provide ballistic missile defense for the U.S. and its allies. COL Parent was also responsible for the Foreign Military Sales of the Persistent Discrimination Radar as a stand-alone forward-based capability and a component of the Global Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS).

COL Parent was commissioned in 1997 at the University of Vermont as an Armor Officer and attended the Armor Officers Basic Course in Fort Knox, KY. His previous assignments include: Platoon Leader 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; Supply and Service Officer U.S. Army Forces, Central Command (ARCENT), Kuwait; Battalion S-4, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; Supply and Service Officer North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Kosovo; Company Command 2-28 Inf Bn, Fort Jackson, SC; Project Officer Air Defense Directorate of Combat Development, Fort Bliss, TX; Contracting Officer, Joint Contracting Command, Iraq; Assistant Product Manager (APM) Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle (MRAP), Warren, MI and Kuwait; MRAP Department of the Army Systems Coordinator (DASC), Pentagon; Executive Officer for the Assistant Military Deputy, ASA(ALT), Pentagon; APM for Special Programs with the Defense Continuity Integrated Network, Alexandria, VA; Product Manager for Logistics Modernization Program.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, and the Parachute Badge.