

Colonel Peter J. Amara

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Colonel Peter J. Amara was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer in 2000, serving in various command and staff roles within the Field Artillery and Logistics branches until 2010. He then transitioned to the Army Acquisition Corps, beginning his new path as a Contract Management Officer for a Contingency Contracting Battalion in the Army Reserve Sustainment Command (ARSC).

After his tenure with the ARSC, Colonel Amara became the Assistant Product Manager (APM) for Army Global Positioning Systems within the Program Executive Office (PEO) for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare, and Sensors (IEW&S). He later deployed as the Forward Director for PEO IEW&S in Afghanistan. Upon his return, he was selected to serve as a Department of Army Systems Coordinator (DASC) with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT)) at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.



Following his role as a DASC, Colonel Amara was appointed as the Chief of Contract Operations at the Contract Administration Support Office (CASO) under the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve, where he supervised support contract management. After CASO, he was assigned as an APM for Cyber Analytics and Detection and later became the Product Lead for Applied Cyber Technologies, both within the Defensive Cyber Operations (DCO) Project Office in PEO Enterprise Information Systems. Following his time with DCO, Colonel Amara was selected to attend the Army War College (Senior Service College) as a fellow at the University of Pittsburgh, PA. He then returned to ASA(ALT) to take on his current role as the Assistant Director to the DASA(DES).

Colonel Amara's education includes completion of the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Ordnance Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Staff Services School, Army Command and General Staff College, Army Acquisition Basic and Intermediate Qualification Courses, and the Army War College. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Defense Acquisition University's Program Management Courses. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, a Master of Business Administration from Amberton University, a Master of Arts in Procurement and Acquisitions Management from Webster University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration from Northcentral University.

Colonel Amara's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Army Commendation Medal (2 awards), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (2 awards), National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Other distinctions include the Army Staff Identification Badge, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Service Ribbon, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.