



Corpus Christi Army Depot

Roderick Benson **Deputy & Chief Operations Officer**

Roderick “Rod” Benson is the Deputy and Chief Operations Officer at the Corpus Christi Army Depot.

He has over 30 years of experience with the Department of Defense, both in and out of uniform, as well as with private industry.

A native of Alabama, he is a 1996 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. During his naval career, he held multiple leadership positions and participated in various campaigns, including Haiti, Operation Southern Watch, Northern Edge, and Iraqi Freedom. He completed active duty service in 2002 as an Aerospace Maintenance Duty Officer.

Following this, Mr. Benson worked for several Fortune 500 companies, rising quickly through their ranks. He led corporate initiatives, including start-ups, capital investment, margin growth, sales and operations planning, and acquisitions.

Mr. Benson then proceeded to Corpus Christi Army Depot in 2006 and worked his way up to the Director of Engine Production, where he set the standard for efficiency and morale.

In 2013, Mr. Benson was recruited by Abbott Laboratories to serve as Director of Engineering Operations for Global Engineering and subsequently as Site Director in Puerto Rico.

Returning to Corpus Christi Army Depot in January 2018, he was promoted to Chief of Operations in 2019 and Deputy & Chief Operations Officer in 2022.

Rod possesses a Bachelor of Science Degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Business Administration from the Arizona State W.P. Carey School of Business. He is Level 1 certified in Contracting and Level 3 certified in Production, Quality, and Manufacturing from the Defense Acquisition University. He is the recipient of 3 Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and 3 National Defense Service Medals.

