



Biography

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Mr. Michael (Mike) Kuenzli currently serves as the Deputy in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation. DASA DE&C is the U.S. Army lead for security assistance, exports, technology transfer, armaments cooperation, and equipping and training our international partners.

Mr. Kuenzli's previous position was Project Manager for the Tactical Aviation and Ground Munitions (TAGM) Project Office, Program Executive Office (PEO) Missiles and Space, leading the execution of five ACAT I programs. The portfolio consisted of the HELLFIRE and Joint Air-to-Ground Missiles (JAGM), Hydra 70 Family of Rocket Systems, Tube-launched Optically Tracked Wireless (TOW), Javelin missile systems, as well as numerous Rapid Capability and emerging programs. These systems are utilized on a variety of platforms spanning air, land, and sea providing the US and Allied forces a decisive tactical advantage in Joint All-Domain Operations.

Mr. Kuenzli served in the Army from 1987 – 2007. He initially enlisted and served in the 82nd Airborne Division. He attended Warrant Officer Candidate School and Rotary Wing Flight School in 1990, qualifying in the UH-1H Iroquois and UH-60A/L Blackhawk. He attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 1995. He served OCONUS in Korea and Germany and in multiple CONUS locations, deploying in support of Operation Uphold Democracy (Haiti) and Operation Northern Watch (Kuwait). In 2003, he joined the Acquisition Corps and was stationed at Redstone Arsenal serving in the Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center (CCDC AvMC) and PEO Aviation.

Post military, he served in Industry as the Aviation Program Manager for Yulista Management Services supporting the CCDC AvMC's Prototype Integration Facility (PIF). In 2009, he returned to PEO Aviation as a government civilian, serving initially as the Logistics Chief, then Deputy Product Manager in the Armed Scout Helicopter Project Office, followed by service as the Chief, Logistics Management Division and Portfolio Product Support Manager for the Aviation Systems Project Office. In 2015, he moved to PEO Missiles and Space, serving as the PEO Chief of Staff followed by the Deputy Project Manager for Joint Aviation Munition Systems (JAMS), now the Tactical Aviation and Ground Missile Project Office. He's had special assignments as

Deputy Director S3I CCDC, Director of Operations and Strategy ASA(ALT), and Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management/Futures Integration Director for PEO Missiles and Space serving as the PEO's technical expert and professional counsel for 35 ACAT programs.

He holds a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Science in Acquisition and Contract Management from Florida Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps and is certified in Program Management, Systems Engineering, and Life Cycle Logistics. His awards and decorations include a Superior Civilian Service Award, Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Commander's Award for Civilian Service (2), the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), and the Humanitarian Service Award (with oak leaf cluster).

Mr. Kuenzli and his wife of 36 years, Melissa, have two adult children, Megan and Matthew.