



U.S. Army Contracting Command-Redstone Arsenal
Colonel Christopher D. Thomas
ACC-RSA Acting Deputy Executive Director
Military Deputy



Colonel Christopher (Chris) D. Thomas serves as the acting deputy executive director and is the military deputy for the U.S. Army Contracting Command – Redstone Arsenal (ACC-RSA), the largest contracting center within the U.S. Army Contracting Command.

In this role, he assists the executive director in overseeing a diverse contracting portfolio averaging more than \$30 billion annually. He also maintains daily communication with military counterparts across the contracting and program management enterprise and oversees support to the Department of Defense.

Thomas was commissioned in December 2002 as a Field Artillery Officer and later transitioned to Logistics before joining the Acquisition Corps. He is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Level III certified in contracting and Level II certified in program management. In 2011, he became a member of the Army Acquisition Corps.



Early in his military career, he served as a Company and Assistant Battalion Fire Support Officer for 1-187th Infantry 3rd Brigade (Rakkasan), 101st Airborne Division Fort Campbell, Kentucky. After completing his branch detail, he moved to logistics where he served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer for F / 2-506th Infantry 4th Brigade (Currahee), and Troop Commander for Echo 2-17 Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Other previous assignments include service as commander for Defense Contract Management Agency St. Petersburg; site director and program integrator for DCMA Chicago (Northrop Grumman); deputy branch chief and warranted contracting officer for the Military Construction Branch at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha, Nebraska; 735th Contingency Contracting Team leader and warranted contracting officer at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; and procurement officer for ACC Redstone Arsenal. Col. Thomas also served as a Training With Industry fellow with Sierra Nevada Corporation in Huntsville, Alabama. During his tenure as a TWI fellow, he served as the assistant business director and assistant program manager.

Thomas earned a master's degree in strategic studies from Air War College.

He deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan during his tenure at Fort Campbell in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. As an acquisition officer, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Inherent Resolve and Hurricane Maria, serving as a contract specialist for ACC QA in 2013; a contract team leader for CENTCOM Forward Jordan from 2014 to 2015; and a contracting officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Puerto Rico from 2017 to 2018.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

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