U.S. Army Contracting Command-Detroit Arsenal

Colonel Rob Heatherly

Military Deputy



COL Rob Heatherly currently serves as the Military Deputy for the Army Contracting Command- Detroit Arsenal (ACC-DTA). As the Senior Military Officer in ACC-DTA, he advises the Executive Director on Military Transformation, geopolitical events, and acquisition processes, to include policy development, compliance and review, contract pricing, contract management, and associated support. ACC-DTA ensures warfighting readiness for the Soldier by providing contracting and acquisition support for combat and tactical vehicle systems, deployment and Soldier support equipment, and armaments. COL Heatherly directs more than 700 civilian and military personnel located at seven geographic sites. Annually, ACC-DTA executes over 20,300 contracting actions totaling $9.9 billion in obligations. ACC-DTA has contracting offices located at: Anniston Army Depot, AL; Red River Army Depot, TX; Sierra Army Depot, CA; Watervliet Arsenal, NY; Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, VA; National Ground Intelligence Center, Charlottesville, VA; and ACC-DTA, Detroit Arsenal, MI.

COL Rob Heatherly hails from McHenry, Illinois. He holds Master of Arts degrees in Diplomacy and National Security, and Strategic Studies from Hawai'i Pacific University and the US Army War College. He graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Sociology, and was commissioned as a Signal Officer with a branch detail in the Field Artillery before transitioning to the Acquisition Corps.

COL Heatherly's extensive military education includes completion of the Army War College, Advanced Program Manager's Course, Intermediate Level Education and Qualification Course, Army Advanced Contracting Course, Army Intermediate Program Manager's Course, Signal Captain's Career Course, Signal Officer's Branch Qualification Course, The Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course, the Mountaineering Course at the Northern Warfare Center in Alaska, the Army Airborne School, the Army Air Assault School, the Air Force's Joint Firepower Control Course, and the Army's Combat Lifesaver Course. He is DAWIA Level III certified in Program Management, Contracting, and International Acquisition, and holds a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. He has also authored two published theses on North Korean Foreign Policy.

COL Heatherly began his career at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as the Company Fire Support Officer for Alpha Company, 1-27th Infantry, deploying to Iraq in January 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. During the deployment, he served as the Fire Direction Officer for Bravo Battery, 2-11th Field Artillery Regiment (105mm). Following redeployment with the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in February 2005, he was assigned as the S4 for the 125th Signal Battalion, Helemano Military Reservation. He subsequently commanded Headquarters Detachment, 41st Signal Bn for 24 months, and served as the Brigade Chief of Operations for 1st Signal BDE in Seoul, Korea.

Rob's Acquisition assignments began serving as a Contingency Contracting Officer at Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, supporting PEO-Ammo and PM Close Combat Systems. He then deployed to OEF as Chief of Operations for the 408th Contract Support BDE, supporting CENTCOM and the Principal Authority Responsible for Contracting – Southwest Asia, and participated in the Training with Industry program at Computer Science Corporation in Falls Church, VA. His program management experience includes serving as the Assistant Product Manager for the Joint Effects Targeting System (PEO Soldier's top priority), Regional Director for the International Technology Center for Northeast Asia, and Military Science Advisor for US Army Japan. He previously served as Product Manager for Mobile Protected Firepower/M10 Booker (PEO Ground Combat Systems), and as the Military Deputy at DEVCOM Science and Technology Integration at APG MD.

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