



## Mr. Ross R. Guckert

Mr. Guckert is currently serving as the Acting Deputy Program Executive Officer for Aviation.

Previously, Mr. Guckert served as the Assistant Deputy for Acquisition & Systems Management within the office of the ASA (ALT). Mr. Guckert was responsible to the Army Acquisition Executive for providing acquisition oversight of all Army acquisition programs. This includes aviation; missile; ground combat; Soldier systems; electronic warfare; special programs; Command, Control, Communications, Computer Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance; Aviation; and acquisition reform initiatives. In this capacity, he is responsible for leading more than 160 military and civilian personnel, and developing an annual Research, Development and Acquisition budget valued at greater than \$20 billion.

Prior to serving in ASA (ALT), Mr. Guckert was appointed (Acting) Deputy Program Executive Officer for Soldier in August-December 2012. At Program Executive Office Soldier, he was the principal Department of the Army civilian in an organization that was responsible for the design, development, procurement, fielding, and sustainment of virtually everything the Soldier wore or carried. This portfolio included more than 460 products/systems and oversees an annual budget of approximately \$3 billion.

Previously, Mr. Guckert served as the Director for System-of-Systems Engineering within the office of the ASA(ALT). In this capacity, he served as the Army's Chief Systems Engineer and was responsible for standing up the Army's first enterprise-level systems engineering capability across the Army's portfolio of more than 600 programs. As the Army's senior systems engineering authority, he was responsible for architecting and enabling the delivery of relevant, affordable and integrated capabilities by formation type in support of the Army Modernization Strategy and the Army Forces Generation model.

Prior to serving in ASA(ALT), Mr. Guckert was the Director for Systems Integration at PEO Soldier. As the Chief Engineer within the organization, he managed the integration of more than 300 Soldier programs into the current and future force. He led the implementation of the Soldier-as-a-System concept across the entire PEO. This included the establishment of a PEO Soldier Enterprise Architecture that integrates Systems Engineering tools and processes to ensure a truly integrated approach to our Soldiers.

Previously, Mr. Guckert held a number of Army acquisition positions. They include Special Adviser on the 2004 Army Science Board; Proponency Officer for all engineers, scientists and program managers; author of the Military Deputy's Campaign Plan; Department of the Army Systems Coordinator for the Patriot Missile Program; the Army lead for the Office of the Secretary of Defense Task Force to shape the civilian workforce of the future, and more than 10 years in various engineering positions within U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command's Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate.

Mr. Guckert graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (including the Senior Acquisition Course), the Harvard Leadership Series and Senior Executive Fellows Program, Defense Acquisition University Advanced Program Management Course, CECOM's Civilian Leadership Development Program, the U.S. Army's Competitive Development Group, Darden's Executive Leadership Program, Personnel Management for Executives, and Organizational Leadership for Executives. He is Level-III certified in Program Management and Systems, Planning, Research, Development and Engineering, and also certified in Test & Evaluation and Information Resource Management. Mr. Guckert holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from George Washington University.