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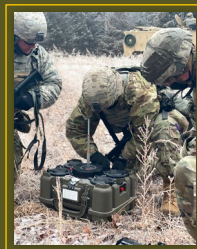


ON **EVERY**
MISSION

PM CCS Product Lead Joint Ammunition and Weapon Systems Assumption of Management Ceremony

Wednesday, 29 January 2025

The Club at Picatinny
Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey



Sequence of Events

Arrival of Official Party

The National Anthem

Invocation

Assumption of Management Ceremony

Retirement Ceremony for Frank Altamura

Presentation of Awards

**Remarks by:
COL Vinson Morris**

**Remarks by:
Mr. Frank Altamura**

**Remarks by:
Mr. Andrew Lewis**

Army Song





Colonel Vinson “Vince” Morris

**Project Manager
Close Combat Systems**

Colonel Vinson “Vince” Morris is an Army Acquisition Professional with over 26 years of service, including 15 years in the Acquisition Corps. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of the Cumberland, KY, an MBA in Defense Contracting from the Naval Postgraduate School, CA, and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower Senior Service College, Ft. McNair.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 2001 through the Army Officer Candidate School at Ft. Moore, Ga. Vince began his career in the Infantry before transitioning to the Acquisition field. Vince’s operational assignments include roles as Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer with the 82nd Airborne Division, Ranger Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, and Company Commander in the 3rd Stryker Cavalry Regiment.

COL Morris is defense acquisition certified in Program Management (Level III) and is a Defense Acquisition Corps Member. As a Program Manager, he led the Army’s Ground Soldier Systems and Small Unit Tactical Power Programs, managing procurement, modernization, and sustainment efforts with an annual budget exceeding \$180 million. His strategic oversight ensured seamless integration, fielding, and tactical deployment, enhancing operational readiness and situational awareness.

COL Morris has held significant roles at the Pentagon, including Resource Analyst at HQDA G3-5-7, Special Assistant to the Director of the Army Staff, Budget and Resource Integrator, and Army System Coordinator for Special Programs and Counter-Fire Radars.

COL Morris’ awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and numerous campaign and service medals. He also earned the Expert Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab.

Vince is married to the former Heather Waters, and they have two children, Haleigh, a recent graduate of the FSU nursing program, and Hunter, a first-year cadet at the United States Military Academy.



Mr. Frank Altamura

Product Lead Joint Ammunition and Weapon Systems

Now in his 26th year of service, Mr. Frank Altamura serves as the Product Lead in the office of the Product Lead Joint Ammunition and Weapon Systems (PD JAWS), Joint Program Executive Office, Armaments & Ammunition, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ. Mr. Altamura is the senior civilian at PD JAWS who represents the Single Manager of Conventional Ammunition (SMCA) team and was the first Project Director for PD JAWS. His responsibilities include managing the procurement of US Navy and Air Force General Purpose, Penetrator and Practice Bombs and ancillary bomb items and the Army-funded procurement of Cartridge Actuated Devices and Propellant Actuated Devices for Army Aviation. He also manages the lethality integration onto small UASs and Aviation Expendable Countermeasures.

Mr. Altamura was the Acting Deputy Project Manager for Project Manager Close Combat Systems. Prior to this, he was a Board Select Product Director for Product Director Combat Armaments and Protection Systems PM CCS at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. He was responsible for a diverse portfolio consisting of Shoulder Launched Munitions, Grenades, and Protection and Detection Systems.

Previously, Mr. Altamura was the Product Director, Special Ammunition and Weapon Systems (PdD SAWS). He had responsibility to procure and deliver quality Non-standard Ammunition and Weapons requirements to Coalition Partners and for the Department of Army, while coordinating with all Services, enhance the Security and Training Capabilities of Allied Nations.

Mr. Altamura graduated from New Jersey Institute of Technology with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and his MS in Mechanical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. His military education includes Advanced Course of the Civilian Education System from the Army Management Staff College and PMT-401, the DoD Capstone Program Management Course. He received certification in Senior Executive Fellowship from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government also certifications from UPENN and MIT. Most recently he graduated from DAU's Senior Service College Fellowship.

Mr. Altamura began his U.S. Army career at the ARDEC where he held a variety of technical leadership positions. As a project engineer and Project Office on several 120mm tank munitions, he led the team that achieved the Army's first munition to meet Insensitive Munitions requirements and fielded the M1028 the first anti-personnel cartridge ever fielded in the M1A1 tank in support of OIF.

In his 24 years of service, he has received numerous awards including the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, Certificates of Appreciation from Under Secretary of Defense and CENTCOM CG. In January 2017 Mr. Altamura was awarded the David Packard Award for Acquisition Excellence. His most recent award was the Superior Civilian Service Medal.

Frank and his wife Donna, both from New Jersey have two children: Victoria (30) and Daniel (30)



Mr. Andrew M. Lewis

Deputy Product Lead Joint Ammunition and Weapon Systems

Mr. Andrew M. Lewis serves as the Deputy Product Lead in the office of the Product Lead Joint Ammunition and Weapon Systems (PL-JAWS), within Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM-CCS) Joint Program Executive Office, Armaments & Ammunition, Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. Mr. Lewis manages the procurement of US Navy and US Air Force General Purpose, Penetrator and Practice Bombs as well as ancillary bomb items. Mr. Lewis is also responsible for the procurement of Army CAD/PAD for Army Aviation, as well as Small Un-manned Aerial Systems (sUAS) payload integration and Aviation Expended Counter Measures (AECM).

Prior to his current position, Mr. Lewis served as the Deputy Project Director Joint Bombs (DPD-JB) as the senior civilian serving as the representative of the Single Manager Conventional Ammunition (SMCA), covering Air Force and Navy bomb requirements as well as Army Aviation CAD/PAD. From 2015 to 2023, Mr. Lewis served in many positions throughout Project Director Joint Bombs to include the Bombs Team Lead as well as Project Officer for individual programs such as General Purpose and Penetrator bombs, Cast Ductile Iron (CDI) practice bombs, bomb fins and ancillary bomb parts.

Prior to joining the Project Director Joint Bombs, Mr. Lewis served in the Office of the Project Manager Maneuver Ammunition Systems (PM-MAS). He served within the Product Director Medium Caliber Ammunition (PdD-MC) successfully completing Foreign Comparative Tests (FCTs) to increase the tactical stockpile of 40mmL60 to support US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) AC130U/H gunships. Mr. Lewis actively managed both the production and product improvements associated with tactical and practice LW30mm AH-64 Apache ammunition. Mr. Lewis also served within the Product Manager Large Caliber (PdM-LC) Ammunition where he attained the Milestone-B (MS-B) for the M829E4 120mm.

THE ARMY SONG

March along, sing our song
with the Army of the free
Count the brave,
count the true,
who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name;
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right, and to
build the Nation's might,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along

REFRAIN:

Then it's hi, hi, hey! The Army's on its way
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e'er we go, You will always know
that the Army Goes Rolling Along.

