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Mr. David J. Dopp, Jr.
Project Lead
Foreign Military Sales



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David Dopp joined federal service in 1984. His previous assignments include: OSD Pentagon, Project Manager Stryker Brigade Combat Team; Product Manager-Medium Tactical Vehicles; Project Engineer-Future Combat Systems; Engineering Division Chief-US/UK Future Scout and Cavalry System and Project Engineer-Tank Automotive Research Development & Engineering Center.

His major military education includes: the US Army War College, Army Management Staff College, and Program Management at the Defense Acquisition University.

Mr. Dopp holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Master's in Business Administration, and a Master's in Strategic Studies. He is Acquisition Level III certified in Program Management, Test and Evaluation, and Systems Engineering.



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COL Ryan A. Howell, Ph.D.
Project Manager
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Colonel Ryan Howell was commissioned in the Field Artillery (FA) through the ROTC program at Missouri University of Science and Technology. He was a Platoon Leader with 6-37 FA in the Republic of Korea and a Fire Support Officer with 3-29 FA at Fort Carson, CO. He served as Battalion Fire Direction Officer, Battery Commander, and Assistant Operations Officer with 1-10 FA at Fort Benning, GA.

After transitioning to the Army Acquisition Corps, he served as an Armor Materials Research Team Leader, Field Assistance Science and Technology Team Leader, Assistant Program Manager (APM) to PM Mission Command, and APM to PM Ground Combat Vehicles while stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

As a Lieutenant Colonel, he served the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a Materials Engineer and Research Scientist in Europe; Product Manager for the Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle at the Detroit Arsenal, MI and Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. COL Howell completed an Army War College Fellowship. He assumed duties as Project Manager Main Battle Tank Systems on 22 July 2021. He has been deployed to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Global War on Terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

COL Howell's military and civilian education includes: the Command and General Staff Officers Course, the Combined Arms Service and Staff School, the Field Artillery Officer Advance Course, and the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. He completed his Ph.D. in Metallurgical Engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, and has over 17 publications.

His major awards and decorations include the Combat Action Badge, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal.



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Major General David G. Bassett Program Executive Officer Ground Combat Systems



Major General David G. Bassett was appointed Program Executive Officer for Ground Combat Systems in September 2013. He is responsible for the life-cycle management of a complex and diverse organization with six Acquisition Category I programs (Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle program, M109A7 Self-Propelled Howitzer program, Abrams Tank upgrades, Bradley Fighting Vehicles upgrades, the Stryker Family of Vehicles and the M88 HERCULES). In addition to the combat vehicle modernization efforts for each of the ACAT I programs, to include active protection systems, he is also responsible for multiple Foreign Military Sales efforts and pending programs such as Mobile Protected Firepower. The Ground Combat Systems portfolio has an annual budget of more than \$2.67 billion with a total program budget of more than \$14.8 billion (POM FY16-20). MG Bassett was commissioned through ROTC in 1988 into the Signal Corps with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia. As a junior officer, he served in Germany in tactical positions as Communications Platoon Leader, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and as Battalion S4 and Company Commander in 123rd Signal Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. Following the Signal Officer's Advanced Course and Advanced Civil Schooling at the University of Virginia where he received a Master of Science in Computer Science, he was assigned to the US European Command Staff, where he served as the Requirements Analysis and Interoperability Action Officer, J6.

He transferred to the Army Acquisition Corps in 1999 and was assigned to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, as Operations Officer, Communications and Electronics Command Software Engineering Center. MG Bassett went on to serve at Fort Monmouth as the Chief Software Engineer for the Future Combat Systems Network and as Program Integrator and Product Manager, Future Combat Systems, Software Integration. He then served on the Joint Staff as the Ground Maneuver Analyst, Capabilities and Acquisition Division, J8. From July 2009 to May 2012, MG Bassett served as the Army's Project Manager for Tactical Vehicles within the Program Executive Office for Combat Support & Combat Service Support (PEO CS&CSS). In June 2012, Tactical Vehicles was restructured, and he was tapped to lead the Joint Program Office, Joint Light Tactical Vehicles, PEO CS&CSS, through the Engineering and Manufacturing Development award, from June 2012 to August 2012. In September 2012, MG Bassett assumed responsibilities as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for CS&CSS. As the DPEO he provided technical and managerial oversight for approximately 270 tactical wheeled vehicles, special purpose vehicles and equipment, physical security equipment, petroleum and water systems, and other support systems/equipment for the US Army and sister services. MG Bassett is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.



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Mr. Dopp holds a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Master's in Business Administration, and a Master's in Strategic Studies. He is Acquisition Level III certified in Program management, Test and Evaluation, and Systems Engineering.



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Mr. David W. Marck
Project Manager
Main Battle Tank Systems



Mr. David W. Marck enlisted in the Army in 1975. A distinguished military graduate from the University of Cincinnati, he was commissioned a regular Army officer in 1980. Mr. Marck's military assignments include a tour of duty in Hanau, FRG; Ft Rucker, AL; Fort Hood, TX; St. Louis, MO and MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL. In 1990, Mr. Marck joined the Army Acquisition Corps with a focus in Program Management. His active duty acquisition assignments included the Black Hawk Project Manager's Office, Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis, MO and the United States Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base managing Special Operations Aviation Acquisitions. Mr. Marck retired from the Army in 1996. From 1996 until 2003, Mr. Marck worked as a Government Defense Contractor with the PEO for Aviation in Huntsville, AL. He started his Government Civilian career in February 2003 as the Program Integrator for the Improved Data Modem in the Product Manager's Office for Aviation Mission Equipment. In 2005, he was assigned to the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Manager's Office. In August 2006, he accepted a promotion as the Assistant Product Manager for Line Haul Systems in the Heavy Tactical Vehicles Product Manager's Office at the Tank Automotive and Armament Command in Warren, MI. He served as the Product Manager for Bridging from July 2008 to July 2011. Mr. Marck attended the Senior Service College Fellows Program from July 2011 through June 2012. In July 2012, he was selected as the Deputy Product Manager, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems and has been in that position for the last 6 years.

Mr. Marck holds a BS degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati, a MS in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and a MBA from Lawrence Technological University. His military education includes the Transportation Officer's Basic and Aviation Officer's Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, and the Command and General Staff College. He is a Year Group 2005 Graduate of the Competitive Development Group. Mr. Marck is Level III certified in Program Management, Systems Planning Research Development and Engineering, Test and Evaluation, Life Cycle Logistics and Information Technology. Mr. Marck belongs to the following professional organizations: Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA), Military Officer Association of America (MOAA), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), the Army Engineer Association (AEA) and the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). He is Level 3 certified in Program Management, Systems Planning Research Development and Engineering, Test and Evaluation, Life Cycle Logistics and Information Technology. He and his wife Carol are both from New Richmond, Ohio and have been married 39 years. They have seven children: David Jr., Kevin, Christopher, CPT Jacob Marck, Katlyn, Annalisa, and Sophia. They also have 11 grandchildren.



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COL Freeman T. Bonnette Project Manager Self-Propelled Howitzer Systems



Colonel Freeman T. Bonnette is a native of Saint Matthews, SC. He received his commission as a Field Artillery Officer from the University of South Carolina in 1998. He is a graduate of the United States Army Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, The Combined Armed Services Staff School, The Army Acquisition Basic and Acquisition Intermediate Contracting Courses, Intermediate Level Education, Intermediate Qualification Course, and Senior Service College.

Prior to his arrival at Detroit Arsenal, Michigan, he was a student at the United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA. He has served in several positions from Fire Direction Officer; Platoon Leader; Battalion Adjutant/S-1; Officer-in-Charge of the Operations Center and Crisis Action Cell, G-3/5/7, United States Army South; Battalion Logistics Officer/S-4; and Battery Commander. As an Acquisition Officer, he has served as a Contingency Contracting Officer; Contingency Contracting Team Chief; Chief of Contracting, Regional Contracting Center-Regional Command East, Forward Operating Base (FOB) Salerno Afghanistan; Battalion S-3 Operations & Plans Officer; Deputy Director, Army Contracting Command- Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar; Deputy Commander for Operations-Iraq, U.S. Central Command Combined-Joint Theater Support Contracting Command; Assistant Project Manager for Medical Simulations; Assistant Product Manager for Special Operations Forces Training Systems; Equipping Program Analyst-Integrator, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7, Pentagon; Training With Industry (TWI) Corporate Fellow-Microsoft; and Product Manager for two Army modernization priorities developed through the Product Management Office for Maneuver Collective Training Systems: Squad Immersive Virtual Trainer - Integrated Visual Augmentation System (IVAS) and the Strategic Integrator for the Synthetic Training Environment (STE), Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation (PEO STRI).

His command assignments include: 12 months as Commander, D Battery, 2d Battalion, 80th Field Artillery Battalion, 21 months as Commander, F Battery 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, OK; and 37 months as a Command Select List (CSL) Product Manager for the Maneuver Collective Training Systems (MCTS) Orlando, FL.

Colonel Bonnette earned his bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and holds two master's degrees, one from the University of Oklahoma and the United States Army War College. He is a Strategic Studies Executive Fellow from the University of North Carolina Institute for Defense and Business and is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Level III certified in Program Management, Contracting, and Information Technology. He is a Strategist, trained Lean Six Sigma-Black Belt, Certified Agile SCRUM Master, and a member of the United States Army Acquisition Corps.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, and the Combat Action and Army Staff Identification Badges. He deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.



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Mr. Scott J. Davis Program Executive Officer Ground Combat Systems



Selected for the Senior Executive Service in November 2005, Mr. Scott J. Davis currently serves as the Program Executive Officer for Ground Combat Systems. In this role he provides professional and executive management of the development, systems integration, acquisition, testing, fielding, sustainment and improvement of ground combat systems in accordance with the Army's transformation campaign plan. Mr. Davis oversees a portfolio that includes one Army-Marine Corps Joint Project Manager, three board selected Army Project Managers, six Assistant Program Executive Officers, and numerous Product Managers. The Ground Combat Systems portfolio has an annual budget of over \$2.9 billion with a total program budget of over \$18.46 billion (POM FY14-18). Mr. Davis is also responsible for all management oversight of a complex and diverse organization with two Pre-MDAP programs (Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle and Ground Combat Vehicle) and four ACAT I programs, including the Paladin Integrated Management, Abrams Tank Upgrade, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle Upgrade and the Stryker Family of Vehicles. Additionally, he oversees four ACAT II programs and approximately 100 other weapons system programs. Mr. Davis interfaces directly with more than 30 major defense contractors and indirectly with hundreds of major subcontractors, and manages a team of more than 1,300 military and civilian employees in PEO core and collocated matrix positions, liaison offices, fielding teams, indirect support positions and support contractor positions. He previously served as the Deputy Program Executive Officer, PEO Integration, and was responsible for the organization and management of acquisition programs designed to support Brigade Combat Team (BCT) modernization. PEO Integration performed the development, integration, and acquisition of a wide range of systems, including the Ground Combat Vehicle, Unmanned Ground Vehicles, Unmanned Air Systems, and unattended munitions. Mr. Davis led the development, production, fielding, and sustainment activities for these systems. An Army Reserve Officer, Mr. Davis is currently assigned to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics & Technology) and has held a variety of positions from platoon leader through battalion executive officer. Mr. Davis began his career in 1986, serving as a Mechanical Engineer in Program Manager, Light Combat Vehicles. He was then assigned as the Lead Project Engineer, Line of Sight Anti-Tank System; Lead Project Engineer, Command and Control Vehicle; and Assistant Product Manager, Bradley Linebacker, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems Project Management Office. In 1997, Mr. Davis accepted responsibility as Assistant Project Manager, Bradley Research and Development, after which he served as the Deputy Product Manager, Infantry Carrier Vehicle Variants (now PM Stryker). His subsequent assignment was Director of Engineering, Future Combat Systems. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Davis was assigned as the Deputy Program Manager (Operations) (SES), PM Future Combat Systems (BCT). He then served as the Deputy Program Manager (Platform Integration) (SES), PM Future Combat Systems (BCT), before accepting the responsibility as Deputy Program Executive Officer, PEO Integration. Mr. Davis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Wayne State University. His military training includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Command & General Staff College, and the Advanced Program Manager's Course, Defense Systems Management College. Mr. Davis is an Acquisition Corps member and holds Level III Certification in Program Management, Level III Certification in Systems Planning, Research, and Development – Systems Engineering, and Level II Certification in Systems Planning, Research, and Development – Program Systems Engineer. His awards and honors include the Commander's Award for Civilian Service (2001 and 2008), the Superior Civilian Service Award (2003), and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award (2010).



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Major General Glenn A. Dean Program Executive Officer Ground Combat Systems



Major General Glenn A. Dean was commissioned as a U.S. Army Armor officer in 1993 as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC program at the Florida Institute of Technology. His first assignment was to the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor at Fort Benning, Georgia where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, and company Executive Officer. His subsequent operational assignments include: Commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Company, Frederick Maryland; Assistant Operations Officer, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division; Commander, Company B, 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry; and Commander, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry. In 2002, he transitioned to the Army Acquisition Corps, serving as Chief, Small Arms Division, U.S. Army Infantry Center; Assistant Product Manager, Medium Cannon Caliber Ammunition, Picatinny Arsenal; Science & Technology Advisor, Combined/Joint Task Force-82, Afghanistan; and Armament Systems Technology Manager, Armaments Research, Development, and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal. He subsequently served as Product Manager, Bradley Fighting Vehicle & Armored Knight; the Military Deputy for the Tank-Automotive Research, Development, and Engineering Center; and as Project Manager, Stryker Brigade Combat Team, all at Detroit Arsenal, Michigan. He served as the Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management under the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology prior to assuming duties as Program Executive Officer, Ground Combat Systems in December 2020. Major General Dean's military and civilian education includes: BS, Aerospace Engineering, Florida Institute of Technology; MS, Industrial Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology; MA, Strategic Studies, US Army War College; the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Acquisition Officer Basic Course, the Command and General Staff Officer's Intermediate Level Education Course, the Program Manager's Course, the US Army War College, and Airborne School. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Parachutist's Badge, the Army Staff Badge, and the Recruiter Badge.



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COL Ken Bernier Project Manager Future Battle Platforms



COL Ken R. Bernier was commissioned as a U.S. Army Armor officer in 2001 as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Maine. He is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne School, Command and General Staff College, Product and Project Managers Courses, Training with Industry with Cisco Systems Inc., and the U.S. Army War College.

COL Bernier entered military service in 1996 and has served in a wide range of command and staff positions. Prior to his arrival in PEO GCS, he served as Military Deputy to the Director of the Ground Vehicle Systems Center, Detroit Arsenal. Previous assignments include Executive Officer to the Director of Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office, Huntsville; Product Manager for Abrams Main Battle Tank, Detroit Arsenal; Executive Officer for the Deputy Acquisition and Systems Management; Department of the Army Systems Coordinator for Soldier Weapons, Pentagon; Assistant Product Manager for Crew Served Weapons; Military Lead for the Combating Terrorism Technology Team at the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey; Assistant Operations Officer, Commander, and Squadron Maintenance Officer for the Headquarters Troop 5th Squadron, 14th U.S. Cavalry, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (which later became the 2nd Squadron, 14th U.S. Cavalry), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Operations Officer for U.S. Army Pacific and Joint Task Force Homeland Defense Pacific, U.S. Army Pacific Command, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii; Troop Executive Officer, Scout Platoon leader, and Tank Platoon leader for Comanche Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Buedingen, Germany; and Motor Transport Operator in the 401st Engineer Company U.S. Army Reserves, Dexter, Maine.

COL Bernier holds a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College, a Master of Engineering in Systems Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, and a Bachelor of Mathematics from the University of Maine. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Combat Action Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge (Silver), and the Army Parachutist Badge.



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