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LTC Samuel Ancira is Product Manager, Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems, which reports to the Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS). LTC Ancira is responsible for managing the acquisition, development and modernization of enterprise satellite communication systems and state-of-the-art satellite network control and planning systems for use with defense satellite communications systems, as well as wideband global satellite and commercial satellite systems.

LTC Ancira has more than 25 years of military service. He enlisted in April 1988 and served as a combat engineer in Germany and at Fort Hood, Texas. He deployed in support of Operations Desert Storm and Provide Comfort. He then completed the Basic NCO Course, Officer Candidate School, and the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. Thereafter, he was assigned as a Fire Support Officer and as a Battery Fire Direction Officer at Fort Hood.

LTC Ancira attended the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course at Fort Sill, Okla., and the Combined Arms Service and Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He subsequently commanded batteries at the Field Artillery Training Center at Fort Sill. At that time, he was assessed into the Army Acquisition Corps and was assigned to the TRADOC Systems Manager for Rockets and Missiles. He served as a combat developer of new field artillery systems and eventually became an Assistant Product Manager for Future Combat Systems at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

LTC Ancira was assigned as an Operational Test Officer for Field Artillery systems with the Fires Test Directorate at Fort Sill. He was the Test Officer for the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System – Alternative Warhead, and also deployed as a member of a Forward Operational Assessment Team. He took over as a Senior Acquisitions Officer and Military Deputy to the TRADOC Capability Manager, Fires Brigade, where he was responsible for all capabilities development activities related to the development, acquisition, fielding and sustainment of the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, as well as MLRS M270A1 launchers, rocket and missile munitions and counterfire radar platforms.

LTC Ancira earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Texas. He received a Master of Science in Management and Leadership from Webster

University. He is also a graduate of the Program Managers Course, Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Army Acquisition Officer Basic Course, and CGSC-ILE.

LTC Ancira's awards include: the Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon with 2 Numeral, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 5ive Oak Leaf Clusters (OLCs), the Army Commendation Medal with four OLCs, and the Meritorious Service Medal with two OLCs.