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CEREMONY**
for the
**Program Executive Officer
Enterprise Information Systems**

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MS. CHÉRIE A. SMITH



On April 1, 2018, Ms. Chérie A. Smith was appointed to the position of Program Executive Officer, Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

As the Program Executive Officer, Ms. Smith is responsible for managing more than 37 program offices and 71 acquisition programs across the Army and Department of Defense communications, logistics, medical, finance, personnel, training and procurement

systems for all ten combatant commands, managing approximately \$4.3 billion each year.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Smith served as the Acting Program Executive Officer, PEO EIS, from January 2018 to March 2018 and the Deputy Program Executive Officer, PEO EIS, from October 2017 to January 2018.

Ms. Smith has over 40 years of government experience in all levels of information technology management and development. Prior to PEO EIS, she managed more than 1,200 military, civilian and contractor staff spanning 40 countries as the Deputy Program Executive Officer, PEO Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI). Prior to serving as Deputy PEO STRI, she also served as Assistant Deputy for Acquisition & Systems Management, overseeing and implementing acquisition policy for aviation, focused logistics, simulation and training, intelligence/electronic warfare and special operations force acquisition programs.

Additional previous assignments include serving as the Acting Deputy Program Executive Officer, PEO Soldier, from May 2013 to January 2014; the Director for Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis at the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) from September 2010 to May 2013; the Director of Forward Operations - Kuwait from August 2009 to November 2010; and the program manager for General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS) at PEO EIS from May 2003 until June 2008.

Ms. Smith began her career as an enlisted Soldier in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1977 to 1979, and served in Active Duty status in the United States Army from 1979 to 1985.

She holds a bachelor's degree in business from National-Louis University and a master's degree in strategic studies from the Army War College. She is a member of the original Army Acquisition Corps and Level III certified in both Communications - Computer Systems and Program Management.

MR. ROSS R. GUCKERT



Mr. Ross R. Guckert is coming to PEO EIS from PEO Soldier, where he has served as the Deputy Program Executive Officer since September 2018. In that role, he supported the Program Executive Officer in leading the development, integration, testing, acquisition, fielding, sustainment and modernization of more than 150 diverse programs of record. This portfolio delivers state-of-the-art Soldier kit, including Nett Warrior, the Integrated Virtual Augmentation System, the Next Generation Squad Weapon, the Army Green Service Uniform, personal protection equipment, organizational clothing

and individual equipment, Soldier power, individual and crew-served weapons, remote weapon stations, and Soldier borne sensor and lasers.

Appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2017, Mr. Guckert has over 30 years of government experience in acquisition and systems management, and engineering. Before assuming his position with PEO Soldier, he was the Deputy Program Executive Officer at PEO Combat Support and Combat Service Support in Warren, Michigan from January 2017 to August 2018. Before that, he was Acting Deputy Program Executive Officer at PEO Aviation in Huntsville, Alabama from January through December 2016. From December 2012 to January 2016, he served as Assistant Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA[ALT]) at the Pentagon.

Additional previous assignments include serving as Acting Deputy Program Executive Officer at PEO Soldier in Fort Belvoir, Virginia from August to December 2012; Assistant Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management for ASA(ALT) at the Pentagon from February 2010 to August 2012; and Director of the System of Systems Engineering and Integration Office for ASA(ALT) from June 2008 to February 2010.

Mr. Guckert holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, a master's degree in engineering management from The George Washington University and a master's degree in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. He is Level III certified in Program Management; Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering; and Science and Technology Management.

Mr. Guckert received the Superior Civilian Service Award in 2016 and the Army Staff Pin in 2014. He's a member of the Army Acquisition Corps.