

Mr. Ross R. Guckert  
Deputy Program Officers for Soldier  
PEO Soldier

Mr. Ross Guckert assumed the role of Deputy Program Executive Officer for Soldier in September 2018. He is responsible for the development, acquisition, fielding, and lifecycle support for Soldier programs and Soldier as a System concept. This includes integration with current and future systems to support the warfighter and Foreign Military Sales customers. With a broad portfolio of Acquisition Category I/II/III programs, the Program Executive Officer and Deputy share the responsibility for consolidating each Program Manager's assigned mission into coherent programs that span all budget appropriations. Mr. Guckert was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in January 2017. As a member of the Army Acquisition Corps, he is certified in Program Management; Science and Technology Management; Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering; and Test and Evaluation.

Prior to joining PEO Soldier, Mr. Guckert served as the Acting Program Executive Officer for Program Executive Officer Combat Support & Combat Service Support (PEO CS&CSS) from January to June 2018, having previously served as PEO CS&CSS' deputy from March 2017. As Acting Program Executive Officer, he provided professional and executive management for the development, systems integration, acquisition, testing, fielding, sustainment, and modernization of diverse systems across the Army's Transportation, Quartermaster, Ordnance, and Engineer portfolios. Mr. Guckert oversaw 150 programs with an annual budget of approximately \$3.5 billion and a total portfolio budget of approximately \$13 billion.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Guckert served as the acting Deputy Program Executive Officer for Aviation from January - December 2016. In this capacity, he served as the senior civilian overseeing twelve Major Defense Acquisition Programs to include Blackhawk, Apache, Chinook and Gray Eagle, as well as modernization efforts for the Army's aviation fleet. Mr. Guckert was assigned previously as the acting Deputy Program Executive Officer for Soldier from August to December 2012, where he served as the senior civilian overseeing the portfolio of all items a Soldier wears or carries onto the battlefield, to include body armor, combat uniforms, night vision devices, and individual/crewserved weapons.

While assigned to the Pentagon from June 2008 to December 2015, Mr. Guckert served in a number of positions in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. As the Assistant Deputy for Acquisition & Systems Management, he led a large cadre of military, civilian and contractor personnel supporting the Army Acquisition Executive in providing oversight across the Army's acquisition portfolio of approximately 700 programs. Additionally while assigned there, he was asked to serve as the Army's first Chief Systems Engineer in the role of Director, System of Systems Engineering and Integration. In this capacity he established a world-class engineering analysis capability and delivered the first authoritative architectures for the Army's Capability Sets.

Mr. Guckert's previous positions include the Director for Systems Integration at the Program Executive Office for Soldier, Special Advisor to the Army Science Board, author of the Military Deputy's Campaign Plan, Department of the Army Systems Coordinator for the Patriot Missile System, Army lead for the Secretary of Defense Civilian Workforce of the Future Task Force, and more than 10 years in various engineering positions within the U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command's Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate.

Mr. Guckert holds an M.A. in engineering management from George Washington University and a B.A. in electrical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Senior Service College), the Army's Competitive Development Group, Harvard's Leadership Series and Senior Executive Fellows Program, Defense Acquisition University's Advanced Program Management Course, U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command Civilian Leadership Development Program, Darden's Executive Leadership Program, Personnel Management for Executives, and Organizational Leadership for Executives.