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**HON. DOUGLAS
R. BUSH**

Assistant Secretary of
the Army (Acquisition,
Logistics and Technology)

SPEAKERS

THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS R. BUSH was confirmed by the United States Senate as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT)) on February 9, 2022. He took office on February 11, 2022. In this position, he serves as the Army Acquisition Executive, the Senior Procurement Executive, the Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Army, and the Army's Senior Research and Development official. He also has principal responsibility for all Department of the Army matters related to logistics. Mr. Bush leads the execution of the Army's acquisition function and the acquisition management system. His responsibilities include providing oversight for the life cycle management and sustainment of Army weapon systems and equipment from research and development through test and evaluation, acquisition, logistics, fielding, and disposition. He is also responsible for appointing, managing, and evaluating program executive officers and managing the Army Acquisition Corps and Army Acquisition Workforce. In addition, he oversees the Elimination of Chemical Weapons program. From March 8, 2021 to September 24, 2021, Mr. Bush served as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)) following his appointment as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. From 2019-2020, Mr. Bush served as the Deputy Staff Director of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC). In this position, he managed all aspects of HASC administrative and legislative operations, including committee personnel and operations, emergency and safety procedures, the committee's budget, member and staff travel, and classified information management. He oversaw operations of 70 members of House Armed Services Committee staff working in support of 57 members of Congress serving on committee responsible for oversight of the Department of Defense. From 2007-2019, as a Professional Staff Member of the HASC, Mr. Bush was the lead staff member responsible for analysis and oversight of a wide range of Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Navy combat system acquisition programs, with a focus on minimizing cost growth, delays, and shortfalls in delivered capability. Aviation programs overseen included fighter and reconnaissance aircraft, unmanned aerial systems, and air-launched missiles and munitions. Ground systems overseen included tanks, infantry fighting vehicles, amphibious systems, ammunition, small arms, and communications/network equipment programs.



**GENERAL GARY M.
BRITO, USA**

Commanding General,
U.S. Army Training and
Doctrine Command
(TRADOC)

GENERAL GARY M. BRITO assumed duties as the 18th Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), on September 8, 2022. He is responsible for building and sustaining a highly trained, disciplined, and fit Army by: acquiring the best people, training the most lethal Soldiers, developing the most professional leaders, guiding the Army's culture, and shaping the future force. General Gary M. Brito is a native of Hyannis, Massachusetts, commissioned as an Infantry Officer through Penn State University, and entered active duty in March 1987. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Airborne and Ranger Schools, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Command and General Staff Officers Course, and Senior Service College at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), Norfolk, Virginia. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Studies from Penn State University, a master's degree in Human Resource Management from Troy State University, and a second master's degree in Joint Strategy and Campaign Planning from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI Program. General Brito has served in a variety of command and staff assignments throughout his career. Previous assignments include: U.S. Army's 49th Deputy Chief Staff, G-1; Commanding General, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk; Deputy Commanding General for Sustainment, then later Operations, 25th Infantry Division; Director, Force 2025 and Beyond, US Army Capabilities and Integration Center (ARCIC), TRADOC; and Operations Officer (G3) for III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas. In that capacity, he deployed and served as the Deputy Director, Afghanistan National Security Forces (ANSF) Development, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan; Commander, 120th Infantry Brigade, First Army; Commander, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division; Operations Officer (S3), 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment; and later as the Brigade Operations Officer (S3), 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. Additionally, he served as the Aide-de-Camp to the III Corps Commanding General, Fort Hood, Texas; and Chief, Commander's Planning Group (CPG) and interim Executive Officer to the Commanding General, TRADOC. He has twice served at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California: first as a Company/Team and Battle Staff Observer/ Controller and later as a Senior Battalion and Brigade Combat Team Trainer. He served in multiple company grade positions at Fort Benning, Georgia, and has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Expert Infantryman Badge.