



## Colonel Anthony (Tony) B. Bell

A resident of Arkansas, COL Bell graduated from Bishop Byrne High School, Memphis, Tennessee in 1976. In June 1979, COL Bell was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant with Arkansas National Guard, as part of the Early Commissioning Program. Upon completion of his studies, he was designated a Distinguished Military Graduate and received a Regular Army Commission in December 1979 from Arkansas State University. Following commissioning, he attended and graduated with honors from the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He served the next five years in various field artillery positions in Federal Republic of Germany at Giessen, culminating as Commander, Alpha Battery, 5/3 Field Artillery.

Upon returning to the states, COL Bell attended and graduated with honors from the U.S. Armor Advance Officer Course at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

COL Bell's next duty assignment launched his acquisition career. He was the production officer for eight major ammunition programs; Assistant Secretary General Staff/Special Action Officer General Staff; and Aide de Camp at the U.S. Army Armament Munitions and Chemical Command, Rock Island, Illinois, from January 1986 until July 1989.

COL Bell's next duty assignment found him working as a Research and Development Officer, as Chief, Position/Navigation Integration Office and Project Officer, Advance Field Artillery Tactical Data System at Combined Army Command–Combat Development at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas from July 1989 until August 1992. Next, he was selected and attended in residence, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

During the period, June 1993 until July 1994, he participated in the Training with Industry program at Oshkosh Truck Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

In July 1994, COL Bell was assigned as Chief of Contracting, Osan AB, Republic of Korea under U.S. Army Contracting Command Korea.

Upon completion of his Korea tour in July 1996, COL Bell was assigned as the Deputy Division Chief/Chief of Operations, Contract Technical Services Division, Directorate of Procurement and Logistics, Defense Information Systems Agency, Arlington, Virginia.

In June 1998 he became the Commander of Defense Contract Management Command Boeing Philadelphia. During his tenure there, he was selected as the Team Commander, DCMA Kosovo in 2000.

Upon completion of Command in July, 2001, COL Bell was selected and attended in residence, the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA.

COL Bell departed War College in June 2002 for command but was diverted to become the Chief, Contingency Operations, U.S. Army Forces Command then Army Contracting Command Southern Region at Ft. McPherson, GA. where he was responsible for contingency contracting operations for Continental US.

Currently, COL Bell is the Head of the Contracting Activity for Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, Iraq.

COL Bell holds a Bachelors of Science–Accounting/Auditing from ASU, Masters of Science in Program Management, concentration in contracting from Florida Institute of Technology, Masters of Military Art and Science–General Studies, concentration in Logistics/Force Development from U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and Masters of Science in Strategic Studies with concentration in acquisition and logistics. He holds a Level-3 DAWIA Certification in Contracting, held contracting warrants from the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army, and is a Certified Professional Contract Manager (CPCM). He has attended the Material Acquisition Management and Advance Program Management Courses.

His decorations include Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.