

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen M. Elliott **Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency**

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen M. (Steve) Elliott, is the Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency Northrop Grumman - Melbourne, located in Melbourne, Florida. Colonel Elliott attended Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and his Commission in May 1985 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He considers Waseca, Minnesota, his hometown.

Colonel Elliott initially attended technical training at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, and upon completion reported to his first assignment at Chanute Technical Training Center, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois in September 1985. While there he was assigned duties as Acquisition Contracting Officer, Chief, Systems Management Branch, and Chief, Construction Administration Branch. He was selected for reassignment in August 1988 and assumed the duties as Officer-in-Charge, Operating Location A – Detachment 6, 7000th Contracting Squadron, San Vito Air Station, Italy. Colonel Elliott was transferred in September 1991 to the Advanced Systems Program Office at the Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. His duties in this Presidential-directed Special Access Required (SAR) System Program Office included Contracting Officer, Chief, Mission Support Branch, and Executive Officer. After almost four years in Los Angeles, Colonel Elliott was selected to “stand up” the Specialized Contracting Flight at Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command in May 1995. There he served as the Lead Contracting Officer for the command. Also while there, he was selected to attend the 4-month long Advanced Program Management Course at Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir Virginia. After completing his assignment at Air Force Special Operations Command, he was selected to become the Commander, 4th Contracting Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base North Carolina. While there he deployed to Balikisir, Turkey as Commander, 4th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron in support of Operation ALLIED FORCE, and was selected as the Air Combat Command and Air Force Outstanding Contracting Officer (Operational) for fiscal year 1999. He was reassigned in July 2000 to Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command as an acquisition staff officer, and moved to become the Chief, Contracting Policy Branch while there. Colonel Elliott took over his current position in June 2002. While in DCMA he deployed for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM supporting the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and became the first Commander, DCMA-Iraq. He is leaving in July to become a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

Colonel Elliott completed his Masters Degree in Management from Troy State University, European Division, in 1991, and earned his Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM) designation in 2002. He has also completed Squadron Officer School both in residence and by correspondence, the Air Command and Staff College by correspondence and the Air War College by seminar. He has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with a star, and the Air Force Recognition Ribbon.