

Colonel Scott O. Risser

Director

Army Contracting Agency Contingency Contracting Directorate



COL Risser assumed duties as the Director of U.S. Army Contracting Agency's Contingency Contracting Directorate effective 8 August 2002.

A native of Pennsylvania, COL Risser is married to the former Barbara Ann Schneider, a career Department of the Army civilian employee from Palmyra, Pennsylvania. A 1975 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, he began active duty in February 1976 as a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. COL Risser served a number of combat arms tours of duty, including infantry assignments as a platoon leader, a battalion staff officer and a company commander, plus command of several operational A detachments and battalion staff duty during two Special Forces assignments. His contracting assignments include weapons and spare parts procurements and environmental contracting at Rock Island Arsenal, a security assistance assignment with the current Fort Carson Director of Contracting at Ankara, Turkey, followed by duty at Fort Bragg as XVIII Airborne Corps' chief of contingency contracting.

COL Risser joined the ACA staff from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he commanded Defense Contract Management Agency – Middle East, a command made up of more than 60 military and Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel in 6 locations throughout Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Kuwait. Prior to his command, COL Risser served on the staff of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, where he developed Army doctrine for both contingency contracting and contractors on the battlefield, the first Service doctrine on those subjects.

COL Risser's academic credentials include an undergraduate degree (with distinction) in history from the Virginia Military Institute, and a graduate degree in political science from Auburn University at Montgomery. He earned Level III certification in Contracting as a member of the Army Acquisition Corps. COL Risser's military education includes the Infantry Officers Basic Course (Commandant's List); the Special Forces Officer Course; the Infantry Officers Advanced Course (Commandant's List); the Army's Command and General Staff College; the Air Command and Staff College; and the Army War College.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. COL Risser earned the Special Forces Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge, and he is authorized to wear the airborne badges of both the Republic of Kenya and the former Republic of Zaire. He was promoted to his current rank on July 1, 1999.