

BG JESS A. SCARBROUGH

Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense



Brigadier General Scarbrough is the new Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense. His responsibilities include the research, development and acquisition of all chemical and biological defense equipment and medical countermeasures for the United States Armed Services.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Air Defense Artillery (AD) after graduating from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the United States Army – Europe (USAREUR) and Seventh Army as a Unit Commander responsible for Nuclear Surety on a NATO Nike-Hercules AD Missile Site.

In 1985, BG Scarbrough was reassigned to III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas where he served in multiple operational assignments as a Battalion S4 and Battery Commander in a Division AD Chaparral/Vulcan Battalion. In 1988, he was reassigned to the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, III Corps and served as the Chief of the Air Defense Element.

In 1989 BG Scarbrough entered into his functional area; research, development and acquisition and has served in numerous acquisition management and staff positions to include; Project Manager for the Army's Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities Program and Director, Army Space Program Office; Program Executive Office (PEO) for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (IEW&S); and Product Manager for the Army's Information Warfare Program, PM Signals Warfare, PEO IEW&S.

BG Scarbrough's other assignments include Program Director, Special Operations and Conventional Special Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Director, International Cooperative Programs Activity, United States Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Chief of Staff to the Army Acquisition Executive, and Assistant Deputy, Acquisition and Systems Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

BG Scarbrough has earned two Masters Degrees in Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma and in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. Other professional schooling includes the AD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army's Command and General Staff College, the Air Force Air Command and Staff College, the Department of Defense Systems Management College, and the National Defense University's CAPSTONE General and Flag Officer Course.

His decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Army's Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster. He is also authorized to wear the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Army Air Assault Badge, and the German Air Force Air Defense Badge in Bronze.