



Tom Steffens

Thomas C. (Tom) Steffens has served within the Department of Defense for over 40 years to include over 27 Years as an Army Financial Management Officer. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in May 2013 and completed his Civilian service as as Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense from 2022-2024. In this position, Tom was the senior advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer and other key Defense leaders on all issues concerning compliance with Congressional mandates and development of DoD initiatives designed to improve Departmental Financial Operations and integrity of Financial

Reporting. Previously he served as the Chief Financial Officer for the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for over six years supporting the budgeting, financial operations and reporting of nearly \$40 billion in annual outlays supporting our Nation's critical Civil Works & Disaster Response and Military Construction Programs executed by over 36,000 personnel, obtaining unmodified (clean) annual financial statement audit opinions during his entire tenure. Prior to that he was as Director of Accountability and Audit Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) where he led preparations for the first Army-wide audit of Financial Statements by and Independent Public Accountant.

Tom retired from the Army at the rank of Colonel serving at every leadership level through Battalion Commander with additional assignments ranging from Assistant Professor of Economics, National Defense University; Chief of PPBE Integration, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management & Comptroller; CFO, U.S. European Command; and Finance Detachment Commander in support of 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta.

Tom was a recipient of the Presidential Rank Award in 2022 and has previously received the DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Medal and both the Distinguished Civilian Service Award and Superior Civilian Service Award while with Department of the Army. Among his military awards are the Bronze Star Medal while deployed as Battalion Commander in Iraq, the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit (2nd Award). He has is both a Certified Government Financial Manager and Certified Defense Financial Manager.

A native of New Jersey, Tom earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Saint Peter's University, Jersey City in 1985. He received his MBA as a graduate of the Defense Comptrollership Program (then The Army Comptrollership Program) at Syracuse University in 1993 and M.S. In National Security Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2007.