COL William F. Bigelow
Biography

Colonel William (Bill) Bigelow assumed duties as the Army Materiel Command Public and Congressional Affairs Director in July 2013. In this position he established key relationships with members of the media, garnered positive national and international media attention highlighting the command and its leadership, and led several community relations efforts that fostered outstanding relationships across the Tennessee Valley region.

Colonel Bigelow's previous assignment was Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications for the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan. He served as the 34th commander of Armed Forces Network-Europe from June 2009 to June 2012.

In December 2007, Colonel Bigelow reported as the Defense Information School (DINFOS) Director of Training where he was responsible for the supervision of over 200 Joint Service and Civilian instructors, and the training of more than 3,200 students annually in both the Public Affairs and Visual Information career fields.

From October 2004 to 2007, Colonel Bigelow served as the Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the U.S. Pacific Command where he coordinated public affairs efforts for tsunami relief, North Korean nuclear and missile test incidents and multiple relief operations.

He served in various positions, including Deputy Director of Public Affairs, during his assignment to the U.S. European Command from 2001 to 2004. While at EUCOM, Colonel Bigelow deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of U.S. Central Command's JTF-West.

In July 1999, he reported to the Office of the Chief of Army Public Affairs at the Pentagon. He served as the Weapons, Environment, and Technology media officer supporting high visibility media issues including the grounding of two helicopter fleets.

In December 1998, Colonel Bigelow was selected for the Joint Staff Intern Program and reported to the Pentagon to work in the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) Public Affairs office.

Before graduating from the Defense Information School Public Affairs Officer Course in 1995, he served in various positions in the Military Police Corps to include platoon leader, company commander, S-3, and provost marshal.

Colonel Bigelow was commissioned through ROTC at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, where he earned a B.S. degree in Public Relations.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal 3rd award, Meritorious Service Medal 2nd award, Joint Service Commendation Medal 3rd award, Army Commendation Medal 4th award, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal 2nd award, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, Joint Staff Badge, and the Army Staff Badge.