

## **Biography of**

### **Mark J. Lumer**

Mark J. Lumer was the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC), with offices in Huntsville, Alabama; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Frederick, Maryland, Falls Church, Virginia and Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands. As the Director of Contracts, he oversaw over \$15 billion in active contracts, annual expenditures of about \$2.5 billion and a staff of approximately 110. Mr. Lumer was a member of the Senior Executive Service and the Army Acquisition Corps, with Level III certifications (the highest possible) in both Contracting and Program Management.

Mr. Lumer retired from federal service after almost 33 years in Jan 2008. While early Army records are incomplete, Mr. Lumer apparently is the most decorated civilian contracting official in the history of the U.S. Army. Mr. Lumer received his last medal, for Meritorious Civilian Service, from the Army in Nov 2008, 11 months after he retired. It is one of approximately a dozen medals he earned during his career. On the same day, he received the President's award from the AbilityOne program, which represents the disabled community in the United States.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Lumer received the Order of Saint Barbara in December, 2007 for his contributions to missile defense. Mr. Lumer is the only civilian in history to receive both the Order of Saint Barbara and the Order of Mercury. In June, 2007 Mr. Lumer's office was recognized by a consortium of federal agencies for obligating over \$90M in contracts to Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB), more than any other DoD activity and more than any cabinet level agency except the VA. Mr. Lumer's Command received three other small business awards from the Army on the same day.

In May, 2007 Mr. Lumer was recognized by the National Institute for the Blind (NIB) for his innovative and outstanding contracting support to people with disabilities. In March, 2007 Mr. Lumer made his third and final trip to Iraq to conduct a contracting assessment at the request of the Director of Defense Procurement.

In 2004, Mr. Lumer was selected by the White House and the Army to lead a procurement training team to visit coalition partners to thank them for their support in helping rebuild Iraq. Mr. Lumer worked with a number of U.S. Ambassadors and represented the United States in 30 visits to 22 foreign countries. He was particularly proud of the fact that no foreign government pulled their troops out of Iraq during the three years he led this mission (with one exception).

Between November 2003 and July 2004, Mr. Lumer served as the Assistant Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Policy and Procurement)- Iraq. In this capacity, Mr. Lumer had overall procurement policy responsibility for all Army contracts issued in support of Iraqi reconstruction. At the request of the Secretary of Defense and the Acting Secretary of the Army, Mr. Lumer personally conducted two on-site assessments of Army contracting in Iraq during January and February, 2004.