



Mr. Gary J. Motsek is Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, (Product Support).

Mr. Motsek serves as the principal advisor to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) leadership on policies, procedures, and actions related to the readiness and sustainability of major weapon systems. He is responsible for the development and implementation of acquisition and sustainment strategies, policies, and processes to provide the Warfighter with cost-effective weapon system readiness across the life cycle through an integrated defense industrial base. He is also responsible for the management of the logistics and acquisition workforce for the Department of Defense.



He has over 40 years of experience in the Department of Defense, serving in civilian and military assignments. Previously he served from 2006 until 2018 as the principal advisor to senior leaders within the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) on matters pertaining to Operational Contract Support (OCS), contingency program management, policy, support to Geographic Combatant Commands (excluding TRANSCOM), and efforts to promote military effectiveness, interagency cooperation, efficiency, economy, and standardization.

Additionally, he served a dual role as Acting Director of Small Business Programs (OSBP) from October 2016 to January 2017, when he was responsible for oversight of the DoD Small Business Program and Policy to include, DoD SBIR/STTR, Rapid Innovation Fund, Mentor Protege, STEM, Small Business workforce reshaping, as well as Outreach, and Indian Incentive Programs. His previous assignments included Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Program Support (2006-2011), Deputy G-3 for Support Operations and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Ammunition, U.S. Army Materiel Command (2001-2006); Commander, Pine Bluff Arsenal (1997-1999); and international Military Staff Officer, NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium (1988-1991).

Throughout his career, Mr. Motsek has successfully led large organizations with complex missions and fiscal challenges during periods of substantial change. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1974 and retired as a Colonel in 2001. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Syracuse University and a Master of Science degree in Management from Troy State University. He is a ROTC distinguished military graduate of Syracuse University, graduate of the Army War College, Armed Forces Staff College and the Army Command and General Staff College.

His personal awards include the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civil Service (2017); Department of State Distinguished Honors Award (2012); Department of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service (2011), National Security Professional Executive, Presidential Rank Award (2008); Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2); Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3); Meritorious Service Medal (5); Joint Services Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Superior Unit Award; National Defense Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (3); Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge; JCSID Badge; Ehrenkreuz (Cross of Honor) from the Federal Republic of Germany.