



# Biography

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Mr. Don Salo, a member of the Senior Executive Service, serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Military Personnel/Quality of Life. He provides policy supervision and oversight of military resource programs for the Army's Total Force, personnel readiness, health care, human resources system for Army families, and all Quality of Life matters.

He previously served as the Director, Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency, an Army Field Operating Agency recognized by the *Washington Post* as a "2016 Top Workplace", and led, consolidated, and coordinated forensic and biometric activities across the DoD in support of global identity operations and the National Security Strategy.

Mr. Salo's previous joint enterprise wide assignments include: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement where he was responsible for investigative and compliance activities directed primarily at enforcing National Security and foreign policy objectives focused on sensitive exports to hostile entities, terrorists, and state sponsors of terrorism; Assistant Director for the federal government's Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board where he coordinated and conducted inquiries on a national level into the fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement of contracts, grants, loans, and entitlements associated with the \$840 billion funded American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and Force Protection Advisor to the U.S. Congress in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our Nation.

## CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- 2016 - Present: Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Military Personnel/Quality of Life
- 2012 - 2016: Director, Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency, Arlington VA
- 2010 - 2012: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, Washington, DC
- 2009-2010: Assistant Director, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, Office of the President, Washington, DC
- 2005 - 2009: Vice President and Senior Vice President for Operations, Chenega Corporation Subsidiaries
- 2004 - 2005: Executive Officer to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM), the Army Staff, the Pentagon
- 2002 - 2004: Brigade Commander, 701<sup>st</sup> Military Police Group (CID), U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort Belvoir, VA

- 2001 - 2002: Director, Army Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office, the Army Staff, the Pentagon
- 2000 - 2001: Student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 1999 - 2000: Commander (Brigade-level), Military Police Activity, and Provost Marshal, Fort Benning, GA
- 1999: Deputy Brigade Commander, Basic Combat Training Brigade (BCTB), Fort Benning, GA
- 1997 - 1999: Commander, Benning CID Battalion, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort Benning, GA
- 1995 - 1997: Chief, Command and Tactics Division, U.S. Army Military Police School, Fort McClellan, AL
- 1994 - 1995: Brigade S-3, U.S. Army Training Brigade, Fort McClellan, AL
- 1992 - 1994: Secretary of the General Staff, Headquarters, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Falls Church, VA
- 1991 - 1992: Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 1990 - 1991: Provost Marshal, Pirmasens Military Community, 21<sup>st</sup> TAACOM, Germany
- 1988 - 1990: Commander, 59<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, 95<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion, Pirmasens, Germany
- 1985 - 1988: Provost Marshal and Installation Adjutant, Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA
- 1983 - 1984: Provost Marshal Operations Officer, Military Police Activity, Fort Benning, GA
- 1982 - S-3 Officer, Military Police Activity, Fort Benning, GA
- 1981 - 1982: Fire Support Officer and later Battery Executive Officer, 2/10<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 197<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Separate), Fort Benning, GA
- 1977 - 1980: Various Military Police enlisted and non-commissioned officer assignments, Fort Myer, VA, and Fort Hood, TX

#### **COLLEGE:**

- Masters in Strategic Studies, Air University (2001)
- Masters of Political Science, Auburn University at Montgomery (1992)
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice (Summa Cum Laude), Troy State University (1984)

#### **SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:**

- Air War College (2001)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (1995)
- Air Command and Staff College (1992)
- U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (1987)

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- 2015 Secretary of the Army Award for Diversity and Leadership
- 2015 Finalist – Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership
- U.S. Army Superior Civilian Service Award
- Legion of Merit (3 Awards)
- Army Commendation Medal for leading recovery efforts at the Pentagon in response to the 9/11 terrorist attack
- Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff Identification Badge
- Army Staff Identification Badge
- Infantry “Order of Saint Maurice” Medal (Legionnaire)
- Military Police “Order of the Marechaussee” Medal (Silver)
- U.S. Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:**

- Association of the United States Army
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Senior Executives Association

