

***Colonel Joseph P. Bitto***

Commander, Defense Information Systems Agency Field Office  
United States Southern Command

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Colonel Joseph P. Bitto is currently Commander of Defense Information Systems Agency Field Office, United States Southern Command.

Colonel Joseph P. Bitto was born on 29 October 1949 in Augusta, Georgia. COL Bitto is a graduate of Shippensburg University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; and a Master of Science in Public Administration. He was commissioned in January 1977 as a Regular Army Second Lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

His military education includes the National War College, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Army Management Staff College, Space Operations Course, Director of Information Management Course, Tactical Signal S-3 Course, Signal Officers Advance Course and the Adjutants General Basic Course.

Colonel Bitto has held a variety of command and staff positions. Prior to attending the National War College, he was assigned as the Chief, Management Actions Branch, Directorate of Management, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army. Other key assignments Colonel Bitto has held are: Commander, 1110th Signal Battalion; Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6, III Corps; Executive Officer, 1119th Signal Battalion; Executive Officer, 1120th Signal Battalion; Majors Assignment Officer, Signal Branch, PERSCOM; Assistant Professor of Military Science, The Pennsylvania State University; S-3, 69th Signal Battalion; Commander, 181st Signal Company; S-4, 69th Signal Battalion; Personnel Manager, Military Personnel Office, U.S. Army Signal Center; Commander, Company C, 1st Battalion (OSUT); 1st Signal Training Brigade and 2d Battalion (BCT) S-) 1st Signal Training Brigade.

Colonel Bitto's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. Colonel Bitto is a recipient of the Bronze Order of Mercury of the Signal Corps Regiment.