Colonel Thomas J. Vaccaro

Colonel Thomas Joseph Vaccaro graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania in May 1986, where he received his Commission as a Distinguished Military Graduate in the Air Defense Corps. He entered Active Duty in May 1986 and served in various assignments for the First Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. After serving three years on Active Duty, COL Vaccaro entered the United States Army Reserves.

COL Vaccaro has held a variety of command and staff positions within the Air Defense, Quartermaster, and Transportation Branches. He commanded the 359th Transportation Battalion (Terminal) from 2006 to 2008 and was the Active Duty Commander of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point (TCSP), Camp Arifjan, Kuwait from 2005 to 2006. He stood up the TCSP and was responsible for theater distribution missions for the CENTCOM area of operations. COL Vaccaro was also deployed from Jan 03 to Apr 04 in support of OIF I where he served as the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's (SDDC) Contracting Officer Representative (COR) on the Port of Shuaiba, Kuwait responsible for contracting services and equipment to perform successful vessels operations in Kuwait and Iraq. He also deployed from the 143rd Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan (JSC-A) where he served as the Distribution Management Center (DMC) Chief responsible for surface, air and sea distribution and strategic commodity management in support of 68,000 troops in Afghanistan. The 143rd JSC-A is the first JSC-A deployed to Afghanistan.

COL Vaccaro is a graduate of the Air Defense Officer Basic Course, Quartermaster Officer Advance Course, Transportation Officer Advance Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School; the United States Army Command and General Staff College; and the Resident Army War College Course.

COL Vaccaro is Department of Defense Level III Acquisition Certified, Department of the Army Level III certified in Security Assistance Management and a member of the Army Acquisition Corps. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Texas A&M (4.0 GPA) and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (eight oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (two oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with one service star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M device and ten year device), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, the Parachutist Badge, and the Pathfinders Badge.

He resides in Stafford, Virginia with his wife Debra, daughter Carissa, sons Anthony and Andrew.