

## Chief of Staff Colonel John J. Spinelli

Colonel John J. Spinelli was commissioned from The Pennsylvania State University ROTC program in 1978. His first duty assignment was with the 42nd Engineer Company, Berlin Brigade, where he served as platoon leader and company executive officer. He next served with the 52nd Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Heavy) as an engineer equipment maintenance officer, battalion S-4, and company commander. Following graduate school, he served as a Project Engineer and Project Management Section Chief in the Okinawa Area Office, Japan Engineer District, US Army Corps of Engineers. He then completed assignments as Senior Engineer Instructor at the US Army Infantry School; operations officer and executive officer of the 317<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion; and Project Officer in the Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab all at Fort Benning, Georgia.



Colonel Spinelli has served on the Army Staff as a strategist and policy analyst in the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, and the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army. He recently served as the Deputy to the G-3, US Army Military District of Washington. Colonel Spinelli is now assigned to the Military District of Washington as the Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force - Armed Forces Inaugural Committee.

Colonel Spinelli has a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and a Masters Degree in Engineering Administration, both from The Pennsylvania State University. His military education includes the resident course of the Army Command and General Staff College, Senior Army Fellow at the National Defense University, the National Security Management Course, and Senior Service College. He has earned the Parachutist and French Commando Badges, and his awards include the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.