



## **Mr. Kenneth Gantt**

Deputy Director Operations  
USA Biometrics Identity Management Agency

Mr. Kenneth D. Gantt assumed his duties as the Deputy Director Operations, United States Army Biometrics Identity Management Agency (BIMA) on July 19, 2010; he is also the Site Manager for Clarksburg, West Virginia and surrounding area facilities.

As the Deputy Director Operations, he is responsible for the operations of the DoD Automated Biometric Identification System, more commonly known as DoD ABIS in support of global match, store and share operations to the warfighter. He oversees the long-term development of a friendly system to support business processes and functions across multiple disciplines in support of force protection, along with oversight for metrics and evaluation activities, concept and technology initiatives, and coordinating support to military operations.

At the time of his assignment as the Deputy Director Operations, Mr. Gantt was Chief, Strategic Integration Division, BIMA. During which time he led the concept development, planning, coordination and execution of the organization's first Biometrics Collaboration Forum, which is now an annual event. He provided command-level briefings and discussion to numerous senior leaders and groups in support of informing/educating personnel on biometrics and the organization. As the Acting Chief, Operations Support Division, Mr. Gantt coordinated across the Service departments to integrate and synchronize support in the employment of biometrics-enabled and forensics-enabled military operations and business functions, monitoring and assessing the operational efficacy of those operations and functions. Mr. Gantt provided guidance and direction in formulating the concepts for improving biometrics training, which was then taken on by Joint Forces Command to institutionalize training across the Services. He guided the further institutionalization of biometrics within the Army and DoD through completion of the Biometrics Task Force becoming the Biometrics Identity Management Agency and oversaw the development of a congressional staffing packet for a Field Operating Agency proposal. At the time this assignment Mr. Gantt was overseeing the review and revision of DoD Biometrics Strategic documents and the establishment of metrics to better gauge the health of DoD Biometrics.

A (Retired) Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. Gantt commanded a Field Artillery Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom with the Third Infantry Division and has held command and staff positions at varying levels during his career. His assignments have included; Strategic Planner, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army; Chief of the Combat Plans Branch, US Forces in Japan; Battalion Executive Officer and Operations Officer, First Cavalry Division; Middle East Political-Military Analyst, Defense Intelligence Agency; and UN Military Observer, UN Truce Supervision Organization in the Middle East. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "Valor" Device, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Mr. Gantt received a B.A. in Political Science from John Carroll University in 1983, and earned a Master's Degree in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University in 2004.