

# McCormick takes helm of Joint Project Manager NBC-CA as Burke retires

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Colonel Daniel McCormick speaks during a Change of Charter ceremony, held at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, July 9. McCormick became the Joint Project Manager, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance. Seated are Brig. Gen. Jess A. Scarbrough, left, the Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, and retiring former commander Col. Kyle T. Burke.

Colonel Daniel J. McCormick became the Joint Project Manager for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance during a Change of Charter ceremony at Edgewood Chemical Biological Center July 9. He replaced Col. Kyle T. Burke, who retired after a 25-year Army career.

Brigadier General Jess A. Scarbrough, the Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, welcomed the new leader.

“Today, Colonel McCormick is taking on a very important responsibility. Based on his training and experience, he assumes command of JPM NBC-CA, and I wish him the best of luck in his new venture,” Scarbrough said.

Joint Program Manager NBC-CA is responsible for the development, production, integration, testing and fielding of NBC detection, obscuration and reconnaissance systems. Joint Project Manager NBC-CA’s recent deliveries of products to Warfighters include the Joint Chemical Agent Detector, the Joint Service Lightweight Chemical Agent Detector, the Joint Chemical Biological Radiological Water Monitor and the Stryker Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle. McCormick, who in a previous assignment was the Joint Product Manager, Reconnaissance and Platform Integration for the JPEO-CBD in the Edgewood Area, said he is prepared to lead the program.

“My priorities are the Warfighters and the people who develop products to protect them,” said McCormick, speaking to an audience that included Family members; retired Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Reeves, the former Joint Program Executive Officer; retired Army Brig. Gen. Stanley Lillie and Richard Decker, the technical director, ECBC.

“The list of accomplishments here is tremendous,” McCormick said. “I got the benefit of stepping away for a while and coming back. I saw huge leaps, and it is nice to come in and take command of that.”

The Keeseville, N.Y., native thanked Burke for his efforts as the JPM NBC-CA and punctuated his short speech with a movie quote: “I’m back.”

Prior to his new assignment, McCormick was deputy director, Program Manager Future Combat System (Brigade Combat Team), Combined Test Organization. He has held numerous command and staff positions during his career, including deputy, Plans Programs and Resources Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; director, Product Integration for the Missile Defense Agency and Department of the Army System Coordinator for the Tube-Launched, Optically Tracked, Wire-Guided System Fire and Forget and the Line of Sight Anti-Tank Missile System, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, all in Washington, DC.

McCormick earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.; a master’s of business administration from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.; and a master’s in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. He has also attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College.