

BIOGRAPHY FOR CARY B. RUSSELL



Cary Russell is a Director in the Defense Capabilities and Management Team at the Government Accountability Office (GAO). He is responsible for managing a wide variety of GAO evaluations involving the Department of Defense's (DOD) military operations and programs to support deployed combat forces. Key projects under his leadership have included reviews of DOD's use and roles of advisors in contingency operations, management and oversight of wartime contingency contractors, counter-IED efforts, air mobility capabilities, distribution of supplies and equipment to Iraq and Afghanistan, and testing and fielding of combat uniforms, body armor and other personal protective equipment for U.S. military personnel.

Since joining GAO in 1990, Mr. Russell has served in various assignments in the agency's headquarters and field offices. From 1990 to 1998, he was an evaluator in the Dallas Regional Office, where he worked on a variety of topics, including immigration, science and technology, and military operations. From 1998 through 2007, Mr. Russell was an analyst at GAO's headquarters in Washington, D.C. in the National Security and International Affairs Division and in the Dallas and Atlanta field offices where he led engagements covering a variety of defense issues to include DOD's land mine detection research, Defense Logistics Agency supply support to the military services, base realignment and closure issues, and logistics support for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. From 2007 through 2011, Mr. Russell served as an Assistant Director in the Atlanta field office leading multiple complex engagements in GAO's warfighter support issues area, when he was appointed acting director in 2011 and relocated to GAO's headquarters in 2012.

Mr. Russell graduated from Texas A&M University in 1990. He also holds certificates as a National Security Management Fellow from Syracuse University and for Key Executive Leadership from American University. Mr. Russell is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager.