

Speaker Bio:

Robert "ChedBob" Chedister is DAU - Southern Region's Director of MDAP Engagement. A retired Air Force Major General, ChedBob holds a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a Master of Science Degree in Management from Troy State University. He began his career in service to his country in 1972 following graduation from the University of Arkansas as a Distinguished Graduate in the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Following Undergraduate Pilot Training and seven years as a fighter pilot, he attended the United States Air Force Test Pilot School. After attending the Air Force Institute of Technology, he began serving in the Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile Systems Program Office, F-117 Systems Program Office, and as the Program Director for the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System. Following an assignment as the Commander, Arnold Engineering Development Center, ChedBob served as the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Weapons and the Commander, Air Armament Center, Air Force Materiel Command, until his retirement in February 2006.

Following his retirement from active military service, ChedBob entered the commercial sector as the Vice President of Operations for Proxy Aviation Systems. In January 2008, ChedBob began his latest period of government service as a Senior Advisor to the Missile Defense Agency's Director for Test. In October 2009, ChedBob joined the Defense Acquisition University, South Region as Director, Major Defense Acquisition Programs Engagement. He is an avid sportsman and a proven marksman in everything from fighter jets to tree stands. He and his wife, Trecia, have two adult sons, Brad and Gabe.