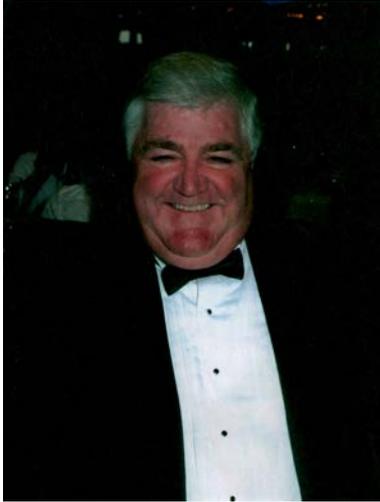


*2013 Ammunition Hall of Fame Inductee*  
**CHARLES E. DIGNEY**



For nearly 20 years, Mr. Charles Digney served as Deputy Project Manager for Project Manager Mines, Countermine and Demolitions (PM MCD), today known as Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM CCS), part of the Program Executive Office Ammunition. A principal of the U.S. Army's oldest Project Management Office, Mr. Digney was responsible for the management of mine, countermine, and demolitions programs totaling \$786 million in Research and Development and \$1.2 billion in production.

As Deputy Project Manager overseeing ammunition acquisition programs, Mr. Digney was responsible for the execution of major Army and Joint Service Programs. Under Mr. Digney's leadership PM MCD became the first Project Manager in the Army to use the Matrix Management Concept. This concept proved to be exceptionally successful and became the model for all Project Managers throughout the Army. His team was responsible for the type classification of seven mine systems, six countermine systems and five demolition munitions and one non-lethal munition. Beyond type classification, seven mine systems, seven countermine systems and two demolitions munitions were fielded to the user. Mr. Digney was always on the forefront of using acquisition strategies to shape the ammunition community to improve efficiency, quality, and responsiveness to meet current and evolving Soldiers' needs.

Mr. Digney had an outstanding record for productivity in terms of bringing programs from infancy to completion. His contributions include the development and acquisition of various programs such as the M131 Modular Pack Mine System, Volcano Multiple Delivery Mine System, M93 Hornet Wide Area Munition, Interim Vehicle Mounted Mine Detector, Time Delay Firing Device, and the M16 and M18 Non-Electric Blasting Caps just to name a few. The success of these programs required Mr. Digney to motivate and guide his staff to coordinate with many agencies of the Department of Defense and other agencies of the United States Government. He won the support from these agencies by exhibiting technical and managerial competence as well as keeping the operation of his office at the highest level of integrity. Mr. Digney's customized approach to acquisition strategy represented a significant and important advancement in the Army's ability to defend the country and greatly influence Combat Engineers and Special Operations Forces the ability to perform successful battlefield missions.

Mr. Digney was also instrumental in taking the lead for the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Special Interest anti-personnel mine alternatives effort. He worked with the highest level officials in the Army, Defense Department, State Department, the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, the National Security Advisor and the office of the President. He led the way in establishing a program to allow the United States to replace their inventory of antipersonnel mines with items that met both the need of the Soldier and the international humanitarian community.

In addition to his leadership skills, Mr. Digney had a strong affinity in support of the professional development of US Army project officers and life cycle management project team members from the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center and across the Army and Joint Services Programs. His dedication to excellence resulted in a Project Management Office trained in disciplined approaches to technical and programmatic activities.

Mr. Digney earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Newark College of Engineering. His talents include specialized training in Army Management Engineering, Army Logistics Management, Defense Systems Management, and Customized New Product Development. Mr. Digney is the recipient of the Lieutenant Colonel Levin Hicks Campbell Award, the National Defense Industrial Association's Firepower and John A. Ulrich Award, as well as an Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal. The continued success of PM CCS is an extension of Mr. Digney's hard work and dedication and his exceptional service to the U.S. Army.