

2019 Ammunition Hall of Fame Inductee

MAJOR GENERAL (RET.) PAUL IZZO



Major General Paul S. Izzo, USA Retired served as the first Program Executive Officer for Ammunition, Commander of the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command (JM&L LCMC), and Commanding General of Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. Under his tenure, Program Executive Office Ammunition (PEO Ammo) was responsible for nearly 350 Army programs; more than 130 materiel release actions, many of which were released in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT); and acquisition of conventional ammunition for all military services as Executor of the Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition (SMCA). As a result of the responsibilities levied on the PEO, their contributions had such a great impact that four of their capabilities were recognized as of the U.S. Army Top 10 Greatest Inventions of 2007.

In 2002, Colonel (Promotable) Paul S. Izzo was selected to lead the newly established PEO Ammo. His mission was to develop and procure conventional and leap-ahead munitions to increase combat power to the Joint Warfighter, develop and field precision-guided munitions, and improve and sustain the conventional stockpile. Comprising four program offices--Project Manager (PM) Close Combat Systems, PM Combat Ammunition Systems, PM Maneuver Ammunition Systems and PM Joint Services - PEO's portfolio of products ranged from shoulder launched munitions, demolitions, hand grenades, counter- explosive hazard capabilities to cannon artillery munitions, mortar weapons, fire control munitions to small, medium and large caliber direct fire ammunition systems. In addition PEO Ammo was responsible for the oversight of SMCA and the demilitarization of conventional ammunition for all services. COL (P) Izzo successfully oversaw 191 programs with an annual budget of \$1.5 billion.

In 2003, COL (P) Izzo was promoted to Brigadier General (BG) and in 2004 he was named the Commanding General of Picatinny Arsenal. He served as both the Commanding General and as PEO Ammo. BG Izzo was known as "the best of the best" and under his leadership the world of ammunition moved into the 21st century. He was commended for his ability to integrate the community and build teams. His leadership philosophy focused on serving. He was humbled and honored to serve citizens, to serve Soldiers and to serve America. BG Izzo's leadership was always a driving force in both the local and acquisition community. Year after year, PEO Ammo continued to provide capabilities recognized in the Army's Top 10 Greatest Inventions. Weapon systems such as the XM982 Excalibur Precision Guided Extended Range, the AT4 Confined Space (AT4-CS) Shoulder Launched Munition and the Anti-Personnel Obstacle Breaching System (APOBS) provided the best technological solutions for Soldiers. By 2006, he was responsible for managing the complete acquisition life cycle of approximately 200 ammunition products and oversaw a \$3 billion operating budget.

In 2006, BG Izzo was promoted to Major General (MG). MG Izzo was the first two-star general officer to command Picatinny since 1980. In addition, he also became commander of the Army's new Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command (JM&L LCMC). The JM&L LCMC was the Army's fourth life-cycle management command, bringing together ammunition development, procurement and technology capabilities. The JM&L LCMC aligned the three organizations involved in the Army's munitions and lethality mission—PEO Ammo, the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center and the Joint Munitions Command at Rock Island Arsenal to achieve unity of effort. No stranger to establishing or standing up programs, MG Izzo embraced the mission of integrating people, organizations, infrastructure and processes necessary for effective life-cycle management of

conventional munitions. The JM&L LCMC continues today as a thriving ammunition enterprise channeling the industrial might of the nation into the hands of each and every American warfighter.

A veteran of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Major General Izzo's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with 2 oak leaf clusters), the Bronze Star with valor device and one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Staff Badge, and Parachute Badge and various other decorations for Gulf War Service.