

## **Darren Whiddon**

Mr. Whiddon is the Vice President of Programs for Nammo Perry Inc.

Darren began his career as an Armor Officer in the US Army. Over a 12-year period he served 5 years on active duty culminating with a tour in Iraq as an Infantry Advisor to the Iraqi Army. In 2006, Mr. Whiddon transitioned from Project Management work in the Pulp and Paper Industry to Program Management with Martin Electronics Inc. His focus on pyrotechnic fuzing established MEI as the leading supplier in this field. Additionally, he was tasked with transitioning the entire business unit to a program centric organization and brought 3 additional program managers on board to complete the evolution. In 2009, MEI was purchased by Chemring and soon thereafter became Chemring Ordnance. During this timeframe, Mr. Whiddon was promoted to Director of Programs which included oversight at Kilgore Defense and Titan Dynamic Systems. In June 2014, he was promoted to Vice President of Business Development for Chemring Ordnance and Chemring Military Products. In May of 2016 Darren started his own business supporting clients such as Combined Systems, Accurate Energetics, Kord Technologies, and Cheytac USA in business development and program management roles. He returned to Chemring Ordnance in September of 2018 as the VP of Business Development to assist Mr. McDonald with rebuilding the organization and preparing it for the acquisition process.

Darren is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Florida State University. While at Florida State he was a scholarship cadet in Army ROTC, selected to conduct Cadet Troop Leadership Training in Korea, and represented the University at the George Catlett Marshall Seminar held annually at VMI. He was also inducted into the Seminole Torchbearers being recognized as a student leader. Darren's Military Decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal "3rd Oak Leaf Cluster", National Defense Service Medal "2nd Award", Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with (M) Device.