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Bill Childers assumed the duties as the Deputy Director of the Rapid Equipping Force in November 2009. Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Childers had served as the Chief, Logistics Management Division of the REF since September 2006.

Mr. Childers is a dedicated U.S. Government employee and Army veteran with over 42 years of uniformed and civil service to the country. He served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1988, during which time he held engineer, cavalry, aviation, and logistical assignments from platoon through MACOM level.

After retirement from the military, Mr. Childers became a government civilian Logistics Specialist, specializing in Logistics Management and Foreign Military Sales. He has over 20 years experience in the Middle East, to include support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm as well as the current conflicts. Mr. Childers received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Superior Civilian Service Award, and was also personally decorated by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. During this period overseas, his organization also received the Valorous and Meritorious Unit Awards, the first TDA unit to be so recognized.

Mr. Childers holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from East Tennessee State University and has completed Masters level work in logistics and systems management at Murray State, the University of Maryland, and the Florida Institute of Technology. His professional education and training includes the Engineer Officer Advanced Management Course; CH47 Qualification Course; Inspector General Qualification Course; Command and General Staff College (Commandant's List); Material Services Management; Depot Operations Management; Logistics Executive Development Course (Commandant's List); Security Assistance Overseas Course; Security Assistance Management Program/Case Management; and COR Refresher.

Mr. Childers' numerous decorations for service and valor include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross (3rd award), Soldiers Medal (2nd award), Air Medal (21st award—five with "V" device), Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, ARCOM (5th award), Meritorious Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Parachutist badge, and Aviator wings.