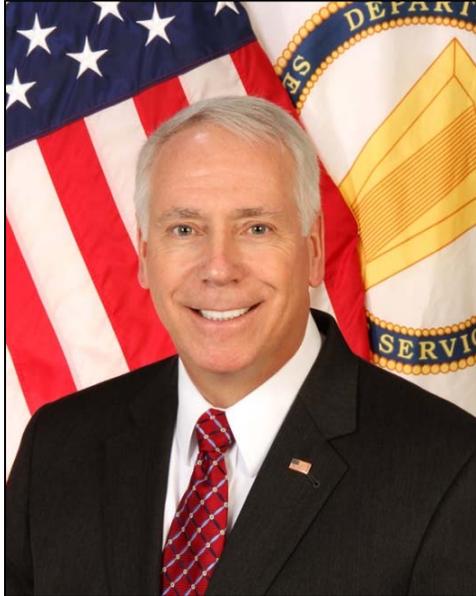




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**Charles R. Alexander, Jr.**  
Superintendent  
Arlington National Cemetery



Mr. Charles R. Alexander, Jr. (*Ray*) is the Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery. As Superintendent, he oversees all aspects of the daily administration, operations, and maintenance of the two Army National Military Cemeteries – Arlington National Cemetery and the Soldier's and Airmen's Home National Cemetery. He is responsible for the care and maintenance of 639 acres, approximately 7,000 annual funeral services, the visitor experience of nearly 4 million annual visitors, over 200 civilian and military employees, and \$80M dollars in construction and operating funds.

As Superintendent, Mr. Alexander serves as an Army liaison to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Battle Monuments Commission, and the National Park Service to develop strategic partnerships, improve support to veterans and their families, and enhance the overall family and visitor experience at Arlington.

Appointed to the Senior Executive Service in November 2014, Mr. Alexander has over 41 years of combined federal and private sector experience. Previously he served as the Director of Contingency Operations and Chief, Office of Homeland Security, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Alexander became a Department of the Army Civilian in 2011, serving at Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, initially as the Deputy Operations Officer (G3) followed by service as the Deputy Chief, Office of Homeland Security. From 2013-2014 he was Senior Director for Response Policy on the National Security Council Staff, in the Executive Office of the President. Before joining civil service, Mr. Alexander was in the private sector for over 5 years. He retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of Colonel in 2005 after more than 28 years of service.

**CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

- Dec 2017- Feb 2020, Director of Contingency Operations and Chief, Office of Homeland Security, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- Nov 2014-Dec 2017, Chief, Interagency and International Services, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- Nov 2013-Nov 2014, Senior Director for Response Policy, National Security Council Staff, The White House, Washington, D.C.
- Oct 2011-Nov 2013, Deputy Chief, Office of Homeland Security, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- Mar 2011-Oct 2011, Deputy G3 (Plans, Training, Operations), Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- Aug 2005-Mar 2011, Private Sector Management and Consulting
- Jun 2002-Jul 2005, Commander and District Engineer, Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington, NC
- Aug 2000-Jun 2002, Faculty Instructor, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA
- Jul 1999-Jul 2000, Engineer Division Chief, Directorate of Combat Developments, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO
- Aug 1998-Jun 1999, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA
- Jun 1996-Jul 1998, Commander, 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat), 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA
- May 1979-Jun 1996: Various command and staff positions with the U.S. Army worldwide

**COLLEGE:**

- Master of Engineering, University of Virginia, 1987
- Bachelor of Science, University of Richmond, 1979

**SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:**

- Harvard Kennedy School – Senior Executives in National and International Security, 2018
- Army Senior Executive Program – Basic Course, 2016; Intermediate Course, 2018
- Force Integration Course for Senior Leaders – GO/SES, 2016
- Security Cooperation Management – Executive Course, 2015
- Mini-MBA Certificate, University of Richmond, 2005
- U.S. Army War College, 1999
- Joint and Combined Staff Officers College, U.S. Armed Forces Staff College, 1994
- U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, 1991

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- Depart of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award, 2017
- Silver and Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal, Army Engineer Association, 2005 and 1998
- Order of the Long Leaf Pine, conferred by the Governor of North Carolina, 2005
- Various Military Awards and Decorations

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:**

- Society of American Military Engineers, Past Post-President
- Army Engineer Association, Life Member
- Association of the United States Army, Life Member
- Military Officers Association of America, Life Member
- U.S. Army War College Alumni Association, Life Member
- Veterans of Foreign Wars, Life Member