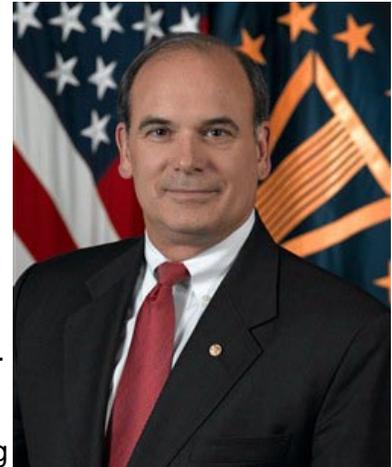


**Dr. Steven P. Bucci**

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Until recently he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense, one of the four components of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland and Americas' Security Activities. In this position he oversaw the policy issues involving the Defense Domains (Air, Land, and Maritime), National Guard operational issues, Domestic Counter Terrorism, and readiness exercises.

Bucci assumed the duties of the Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld on 1 July 2001, and served in that capacity through the 9/11 attack, and the Global War on Terrorism. While there he led a team of 25 other colonels to Baghdad to directly assist the Coalition Provisional Authority leadership in the final six month period leading to the transfer of sovereignty; serving as the military assistant to the Deputy Administrator. He retired from active duty in spring of 2005, but continued serving as the Staff Director of the Immediate Office of the Secretary, and a Presidential appointee as a member of the Senior Executive Service.



Dr. Steven Bucci was raised in Dobbs Ferry, NY, and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated with a B.S. in National Security and Public Affairs in 1977. In 1986 and 1987, he earned a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, both in International Relations. Bucci is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, the Hellenic Army War College in Thessaloniki, Greece, and the Department of State Senior Seminar. His highest award is the Defense Distinguished Service Medal. He also has the Bronze Star, the Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist's wings, and the Order of Naim Frasheri, 1st Class (Albanian).

Commissioned in the Infantry, Bucci served in various leadership positions in the 82nd Airborne at Ft Bragg, NC, before joining the 5th Special Forces; from that point in his career, he served in Greece as a detachment commander, at Ft Jackson, SC, as a brigade operations officer, and in the Foreign Area Officer program. He completed 4 years of graduate study, language training at the Defense Language Institute, and regional training in the Balkans. At the JFK Special Warfare Center at Ft Bragg, Bucci taught European Studies, Foreign Policy, International Relations Theory, and Development Studies for the Army Special Operations community. Bucci moved to the 7th Special Forces, conducting numerous counter drug and development deployments across Latin America. Dr. Bucci was selected to be the first ever resident Defense Attaché in Tirana, Albania. In the period 1994 to 1996, he planned, coordinated and oversaw nine combined exercises and numerous other high level activities. Moving to Ft Campbell, KY to command the 3d Battalion of the 5th Special Forces, he led major operational deployments to eastern Africa, the Persian Gulf, and South Asia, including Operation Desert Thunder. Post command he served as the Defense Attaché in Sarajevo, Bosnia.