



**Tony Melita**  
Executive Director

Mr. Tony Melita is an internationally recognized expert in munitions and land warfare systems acquisition forged from over 31 years of service with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD).

During his service he established the Government-Industry Enterprise Model for technology development using the Section 845 Other Transaction. He started three government-industry consortia including: the Defense Ordnance Technology Consortium (DOTC -- with the National Armaments Consortium), the Defense Ground Robotics Enterprise (DGRE --with the Robotics Technology Consortium), and the DoD Future Vertical Lift Initiative (FVLI -- with the Vertical Lift Consortium).

Upon his retirement from the DoD in January 2010, Mr. Melita established MELITAconsulting, LLC – an independent defense consulting firm. As such, he continues to serve the United States defense acquisition community by providing various consulting services for individual U.S. defense contractors, as well as entire U.S technology sectors through the development and management of DoD, industry and academic consortia.

Mr. Melita is a three-time recipient of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service; a recipient of a Presidential Rank Award as a Meritorious Executive; a recipient of the National Defense Industrial Association’s Gold Medal; and a recipient of the National Ethnic Coalition’s Congressionally-authorized Medal of Honor.

Mr. Melita is a member of the American Helicopter Society, the Marine Corps Aviation Association, the Association of the United States Army, and the National Defense Industrial Association. He serves on the Board of Directors of Expal USA and the Board of Advisors for Stratom, Inc, and serves as the Executive Director of the National Advance Mobility Consortium.