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Dr. George Akst is the Senior Analyst for the Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC), Quantico, VA.

Dr. Akst was appointed as Senior Analyst upon the recommendation of the Commanding General, MCCDC and the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. The Secretary of the Navy approved his appointment in June 2004, and the appointment was effective in July 2004.

Dr. Akst graduated cum laude from the City College of New York and received his PhD in mathematics from the University of Illinois in 1974. He also attended Program in National and International Security at the Kennedy School at Harvard University, and the program Leadership for a Democratic Society at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, VA.

He served in the Corps of Engineers in the Army Reserve from 1970 through 1978, and graduated from the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Belvoir in 1972.

After receiving his PhD, Dr. Akst was a professor of mathematics at New Mexico State University (1974-1976) and the California State University at San Bernardino (1976-1979).

In 1979, Dr. Akst joined the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), and entered the career of defense analysis and operations research. During his 19-year tenure, he was a research operations analyst and study director for numerous projects, including Cost and Operational Effectiveness Analyses (COEA) on: Sea-Based Tactical Ballistic Missile Defense, Tomahawk Baseline Improvement Program, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle. He directed analyses of Marine Corps Ground Operations in Desert Storm, and led all of CNA's efforts in 1996-7 to support both the Navy and Marine Corps in the Quadrennial Defense Review. He also served as the scientific analyst to Headquarters, Marine Corps (Plans, Policies, and Operations (PP&O))

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He entered the Federal service in 1998, as the Deputy Director of the Studies and Analysis Division, MCCDC. In this position, he managed all studies and analyses performed under the Marine Corps Studies System. He also provided oversight of all Marine Corps analytical modeling and simulation efforts. In this position, he represented the Marine Corps at the highest levels of Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Joint Staff on analytical matters, and served on inter-service and international panels.

Dr. Akst's decorations include the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award, Navy Superior Public Service Award, USMC Certificate of Commendation, and the CNA Phil E. DePoy Award for Analytical Excellence. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and the Military Operations Research Society (MORS).