Lieutenant Colonel Tom Cayia commissioned as an Army Infantry Officer in May 2007. Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, LTC Cayia was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and deployed to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from May 2009 to June 2010. LTC Cayia's other operational deployments include Kuwait in 2013 as Commander of Bravo Company, 67th Expeditionary Signal Battalion and more recently as a Warranted Contracting Officer in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq in 2016. LTC Cayia's first acquisition assignment as with the 923rd Contracting Battalion at the Detroit Arsenal. Prior to joining DCMA in 2020, LTC Cayia



served in the 902nd Contracting Battalion where he performed duties as a Warranted Contracting Officer and acting Battalion Commander. Most recently, LTC Cayia was the site director for the DCMA office in Oshkosh, Wisconsin where he lead a 21 person multifunctional contract management team responsible for the administration of over 500 contracts valued at \$13 Billion. During his time as DCMA Oshkosh Site Director, the team successfully supported the delivery of over 9,000 JLTV, FMTV, FHTV, and Stryker combat vehicles to the Joint Force and foreign partners across the globe. Today, LTC Cayia commands the DCMA Milwaukee Contract Management Office responsible for all DCMA geographic supply chain work across the state of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The DCMA Milwaukee team supports joint warfighter readiness by delivering critical material capability and providing relevant acquisition insight with an assigned workload of over 2,000 contracts valued at \$3B across a geographic area of 70,000 square miles.

LTC Cayia earned his Bachelor's Degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana and attained a Master's in Business Administration from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

LTC Cayia's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

LTC Cayia resides in Menasha, Wisconsin with his three children Noelle (11), Henry (8), and Ivy (3).