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Mr. Walter O. Morales was appointed as the Program Manager and Policy Analyst for the Army Suicide Prevention Program, Army G-1 (Personnel), Pentagon, Washington, D.C. in July 2004. Mr. Morales has devoted over 28 years of military and civilian service to improve the professional development and well-being of Soldiers, Families, and Department of the Army Civilians Armywide. Mr. Morales oversees the execution of Army Suicide Prevention Program strategic initiatives to build resilience, encourage help-seeking behaviors, eliminate the stigma associated with seeking mental health care, and minimize suicidal behavior through synchronized and integrated suicide prevention, intervention and postvention efforts, and policies to effect change. Other area of expertise include developing and conducting suicide prevention training for small unit leaders and gatekeepers at the installation-, state/territory-, and Reserve Support Command-level. In October 2005 and October 2007, Mr. Morales served as a consultant with an epidemiological consultation team, led by the Army Office of the Surgeon General, chartered to identify the root causes of the high suicide incidence at military installations. Since his appointment as Program Manager of the Army Suicide Prevention Program, Mr. Morales has continually energized senior military and civilian leaders to get involved, to make a difference, to save lives. He has participated in numerous conferences at National, Department of Defense and Department of the Army level, which has enabled the sharing of program information with Army leaders and other countries to effect programmatic changes.