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BIOGRAPHY

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In February 2023, John W. Waterston joined the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office, Pentagon, Virginia. He is currently responsible for the three CJADC2 capability lines of effort: Global Experimentation, Data Integration Layer, and Mission Applications. This includes the execution of contracts and resourcing strategy to support these rapid development efforts. The CJADC2 division aims to provide the Combatant Command and Joint Staff enterprise capabilities and services that allow warfighting operators to tap into data to achieve decision advantage.

Prior to his government service, Mr. Waterston was a Senior Program Manager within SRI International's Advanced Technology and Systems Division. There he led defense research programs in various technical areas to include cyber warfare, remote sensing, and autonomous vehicles. His interest in program management and business strategy began as a consultant at the Boston Consulting Group. Outside of industry, Mr. Waterston serves as a Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserves, where he applies his submarine warfare experience in support of the Naval Research Enterprise.

ASSIGNMENTS / PREVIOUS ROLES

1. Nov 2021 – Mar 2022, Acting Deputy Office Director, Strategic Technology Office. (Concurrent with PM role) Managed civilian, military, and contractor staff to implement the office strategy
2. Jan 2017 – Feb 2023, Program Manager DARPA Strategic Technology Office. Led a diverse portfolio of advanced projects with topics: Undersea sensing, communications, positioning, navigation, and timing; Tracking unmanned aerial systems in urban environments; Ocean awareness using low-cost, intelligent floats.

EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

2001 Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

2023 DARPA Superior Public Service Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Project Management Professional, Project Management Institute, 2014