

Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office

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DoD Announces Deputy Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer

*Ms. Margaret Palmieri will serve as Deputy Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer
Additional CDAO Leaders Announced at Town Hall This Week*

Arlington, VA – The Department of Defense (DoD) has selected Ms. Margaret Palmieri to be the Deputy Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer (CDAO). Ms. Palmieri brings an extensive background in military operations, strategy, and IT.

Ms. Palmieri most recently served as Special Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and as Director of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Action Group. Previously, she founded and directed the Navy Digital Warfare Office where she led digital strategy development and pilot projects to improve the Navy's use of data, advanced analytics, computing infrastructure, and networks in warfighting and readiness.

Mr. John Sherman, DoD Chief Information Officer and Acting CDAO notes, “Margie has a proven record of building and managing teams that solve hard technical and operational problems. Her deep knowledge and relationships within DoD will ensure the CDAO navigates and cuts through the bureaucracy to get things done.”

Additionally, this week the CDAO held their inaugural Town Hall connecting all personnel across the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC), Chief Data Office (CDO), Defense Digital Services (DDS) and Office of Advancing Analytics (ADVANA). Several leadership positions for the newly established CDAO were announced:

- LtGen Mike Groen, Director, JAIC and Senior Military Advisor to the CDAO
- Dr. Clark Cully, Deputy CDAO, Policy
- Mr. Greg Little, Deputy CDAO, Enterprise Capabilities
- Ms. Katie Olson, Deputy CDAO, Digital Services
- Mr. Dan Folliard, CDAO Chief Operating Officer (COO)

“Our time is now. The CDAO has the support of Secretary Austin and Deputy Secretary Hicks, we are seen. The Office of the CDAO will grow on the strong foundation our organizations have already built. Our inaugural executive team, led by Ms. Palmieri as Deputy CDAO, has the skills, knowledge and relationships that will help pave the way for the Department to accelerate the adoption of data, analytics, and artificial intelligence,” said Sherman.