



Rear Adm Stephen Jackson

Acting Director, Operations and Integration



U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Stephen “Josh” Jackson is the Acting Director of the Operations and Integration Directorate (OI) for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). Admiral Jackson oversees all efforts of the directorate, which is responsible for applying advanced information technology, all-source intelligence and operational research analytics, operations and planning, interagency and partner coordination, and training support to enable the Department of Defense to counter weapons of mass destruction and improvised threats including their supporting facilitation networks. The directorate also enables DTRA in its defense agency role by leading partnerships with the interagency, FVEY allies, and other partner nations while providing security and counterintelligence services to enable and protect the DTRA mission.

Before coming to DTRA, Admiral Jackson served as the Acting Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, on the Chief of Naval Operations staff (OPNAV N95). He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Upon commissioning, he entered the Navy’s surface warfare pipeline and served aboard the USS Reuben James (FFG-57) where he deployed twice to U.S. 5th Fleet.

After selection for lateral transfer to Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and successful completion of Basic Diving Officer and EOD training, Admiral Jackson reported to EOD Mobile Unit (EODMU) 2 in Virginia Beach and served aboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) and USS George Washington (CVN 73). Additional sea assignments include officer in charge of EODMU 5, Detachment 51, Sasebo, Japan; combat systems support officer, EOD squadron commander, deputy N3 and chief staff officer at Naval Special Warfare Development Group.

Admiral Jackson’s command assignments include: EOD Mobile Unit 2, where he deployed his unit to Iraq as a battalion-equivalent Joint Task Force, leading counter-improvised explosive device operations in direct support of U.S. Division North (TF MARNE); Commander, EOD Group 2, where he manned, trained, and equipped east coast U.S. Navy EOD and mobile diving and salvage forces in support of combatant commanders worldwide; and Commander, Task Force 56, headquartered in Bahrain, where he employed navy expeditionary combat forces in support of U.S. 5th Fleet. He completed six shipboard deployments across the globe and four combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ashore, he served as the force EOD officer at Naval Special Warfare Command; as N5, Commander's Action Group director, Chief of Staff and Maritime Operations Center director at Navy Expeditionary Combat Command; and as the branch head for Navy Expeditionary Combat (OPNAV N957) on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff.

Admiral Jackson is the recipient of various personal and campaign awards including the Bronze Star Medal (two awards) and Combat Action Ribbon. He considers the awards associated with unit performance to be most satisfying, including the Presidential Unit Citation (four awards), Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Meritorious Unit Commendation.