DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY

BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Robert Turk

Acting Director, Information Management and Technology Directorate, and Chief Information Officer



Mr. Robert W. Turk currently serves as the Acting Information Management and Technology (IT) Director & CIO at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). He directs and oversees the Agency's IT portfolio of over \$135M annually and a workforce of over 400 personnel to include two DoD ACAT III Program of Records. In addition, he provides capabilities for information sharing and situational awareness in a rapid and secure manner with DoD and Interagency Partners to counter and deter WMD and emerging threats. He also leads the Agency's IT Reform initiatives and network modernization. Prior to his current role, he served as the Deputy IT Director/Deputy CIO, Chief of the Cybersecurity Department, and Authorizing Official for the Agency; overseeing IT Operations, Cyber Security Service Provider Division, Cross Domain Solutions Element, Assessment & Authorization, Federal Information Security Modernization Act Reporting, Security Test & Evaluation, Cybersecurity Directives and Policy, Cybersecurity Workforce Training Program, Communication Security, DoD Information Technology Portfolio Repository, and Supply Chain Risk Management programs.

Prior to joining DTRA, Mr. Turk served as the Principal Lead and Senior Cybersecurity Engineer with CACI, Inc. supporting the Army's Integrated Pay & Personnel System program. He was responsible for the cybersecurity system integration of DoD and the Department of the Army regulations, processes and procedures on both classified and unclassified environments.

He served over 25 years of active duty in the United States Army, retiring as a Colonel. His last military assignment was the Military Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Deputy Director for Policy and Plans, Office of the Secretary of Defense. Prior to that assignment, he served as Army Inspector General and Team Leader within the U.S. Army Inspector General Agency Information Assurance Division, where he conducted worldwide information technology security and cybersecurity inspections. Mr. Turk has held several key positions throughout his military career to include Customer Support Branch Chief (J64), Networks Branch Chief (J61) and Information Technology Services Support Division Chief (J64), United States Special Operations Command; Division Automation Management Officer for the 2nd Infantry Division; Commander Charlie Company, U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit; and Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Chemical Biological Defense Command.

Mr. Turk possesses a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University and a Master of Science in Computer Science with a concentration in Artificial Intelligence from Towson University. His military education includes commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Army Chemical Corps and graduating from both the U.S. Army War College and the Air Force, Air University Air Command and General Staff College each earning Masters of Art degrees. Mr. Turk also attended the Army Inspector General Course, Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Technical Escort School, and Airborne School. He also holds the Certified Information Security Manager, Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Certified Ethical Hacker, and Project Management Professional certifications. His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Army Parachutist and Staff Badges.

He is married to Dr. Veronica Turk and they have two children.

