

# Donald F. Cooper

## Operations Department Director



Donald F. Cooper, a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES), is the Director, Operations Department for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). As the Director of Operations, he oversees coordinates, integrates and synchronizes the agency-wide Operations, Activities, and Investments (OAI) against the National Defense Strategy threats in order to operationalize DTRA's globally integrated support to the Combatant Commands (CCMDs), services, interagency, and coalition partners.

Mr. Cooper served as the Director of the Combat Support Directorate. He stood up the Combat Support Directorate in January 2019 and was responsible for providing steady-state and crisis management coordinating function by planning, organizing, directing, monitoring, and reporting on the execution of the Agency's operation in support of the Combatant Commands, the Department of Defense (DoD) components, the Interagency, and other federal, state and local government entities. He provided oversight of the execution of exercises, assessments, requirements and deployment readiness management of the Agency's personnel to successfully employ Joint forces to support the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) operations while ensuring effective liaison with the Combatant Commands and key Interagency partners.

With over 40 years of cumulative service in DoD, Mr. Cooper has served in a myriad of positions throughout the United States, Europe, Korea and Southwest Asia that ranges from section level to echelons above Corps. During his thirty years of service in the US Army. Don has a proven background in leading, training, planning and executing at the tactical, operational and strategic levels. Additionally, he has an equally wide-ranging background in CWMD operations and program management within DTRA.

Following his retirement from the service, Mr. Cooper served as the Chief of the Integration and Training Branch; Research and Development, Technical Reach-back Division; Chief of the Agency's Director's Action Group; Chief of the Joint Operations Center/Operations Division; Chief of the Mission Readiness Department and Director of the Combat Support Directorate until his reassignment into his current position.

He has a Masters in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Management. His military awards include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the DTRA Meritorious Civilian Services Medal.