

Biography

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James P. Craft, a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES), is the Director for the Plans and Training Department of the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Organization (JIDO), for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). In this role he serves as principal advisor to the director on all matters related to Coalition partner relationships, strategic planning and the facilitation of the development and incorporation of Counter Improvised Threat concepts and initiatives into DoD, JIDO, Allied, Joint and Service strategic and doctrinal publications and plans. He also advises on the support provided to JIDO and the Combatant Commands to enable the defeat of IED and other improvised threats through rapid delivery of mission training, education, lessons learned and doctrine exercises and by facilitating collaboration among the interagency and international partners.

From 2012 to 2016, he was the Deputy Director for Information Enterprise Management and CIO for JIEDDO and later JIDA, leading the transformation of the IT organization. In 2006, he was appointed as an SES to serve as the Deputy Director of the Command, Control, Communications and Computers Directorate, Deputy CIO and Deputy G6 of the Marine Corps. From 2005 to 2006, Mr. Craft was the senior telecommunications advisor of the Afghanistan Reconstruction Group for the U.S. State Department where he led all U.S. reconstruction and development activities for the Afghan Information Communications Technology (ICT) Sector. Mr. Craft continues to serve as a senior advisor and mentor for U.S. government work with the Afghan ICT sector.

Mr. Craft was a director with PricewaterhouseCoopers leading technology engagements supporting the DoD and other organizations. Earlier, he was the chief information security officer for Raytheon's Intelligence and Information Systems Company. Prior to joining Raytheon in 2001, Mr. Craft led the creation of a new information assurance program at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as the agency's information systems security officer.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. He is a graduate of the National Defense University's Information Resources Management College Advanced Management Program. Mr. Craft holds Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Information Systems Security Architecture, Engineering and Management Professional designations from the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium.

Born at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., he is a fourth-generation Marine. He served as a U.S. Marine Corps communications officer with an infantry platoon and later as a logistics officer in the Marine Ready Reserves.

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