

Biography



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Mr. Dyke Weatherington is the Director, Unmanned Warfare & Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR), Strategic and Tactical Systems in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OUSD) for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition. He is responsible for acquisition oversight of Department of Defense Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and manned ISR aircraft systems. UAS programs include the Navy Unmanned Combat Air System (Demonstrator), Global Hawk, Triton, Predator, Gray Eagle, Reaper, Shadow, Fire Scout, many small UAS, and the NATO Alliance Ground Surveillance system. For ISR, Mr. Weatherington's portfolio includes the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, Rivet Joint, U-2, Liberty, and Guard Rail Common Sensor. Mr. Weatherington is also the functional lead for the Deputy Secretary of Defense directed UAS Task Force that serves as a forum for the Military Departments to collaborate on UAS initiatives and resolve issues. He also serves as Chairman of the multi-agency (DoD, FAA, DHS, and NASA) UAS Executive Committee Senior Steering Group that addresses UAS access to the National Airspace System for its members.

Prior to coming to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, then Lieutenant Colonel (USAF) Weatherington was the Program Element Monitor for U-2 and Global Hawk sensors, data-links, and imagery standards within the Air Staff (SAF/AQI), serving in this position from 1997 to 2001. During this assignment, he also served as the U.S. Head of Delegation to NATO Air Group IV in the ISR mission area.

Previous experience includes a position as the Chief of the Precision Targeting Branch at the Reconnaissance System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB (WPAFB). Earlier Air Force management and engineering positions included activities at Ballistic Missile Office (BMO) at Norton AFB and intelligence analysis efforts at Foreign Technology Division (now National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC)), also at WPAFB.

Mr. Weatherington was born and raised on his family's farm near Burnside, Illinois. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Mechanics from the United States Air Force Academy (1981) and a Master of Arts in National Securities Studies from California State University (1993). He is also a graduate of the Air Force Air Command and Staff College and the Defense Systems Management College. He has been awarded numerous Air Force Decorations including the Airman's Medal.