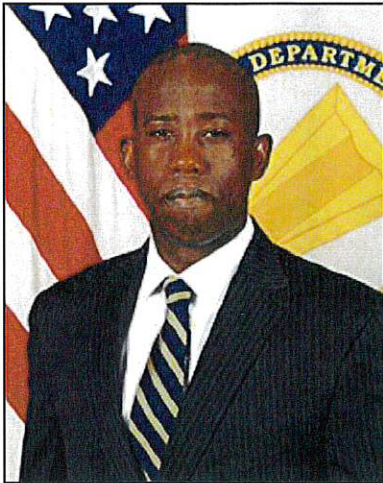


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Matthews brings a distinguished record of service within the White House, the Department of Defense and the U.S. intelligence community. Under President Donald J. Trump, he served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy on the National Security Council staff, where he was responsible for coordinating and implementing all defense policy matters that rose to the level of the President.

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