

BIOGRAPHY



Mr. Ray Fitzgerald

Mr. Ray Fitzgerald is a member of the Senior Executive Service and is the Vice Director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. He is the primary assistant to the director and functions as the chief operating officer of JIEDDO.

He has also served as the Deputy Director for Interagency and Interdepartmental Cooperation at JIEDDO and was the Department of Defense executive manager detailed to the FBI's Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center, Quantico, Va. There he supported TEDAC's mission to eradicate the IED threat by providing scientific and technical exploitation, actionable intelligence, timely responses to requests and forecasting worldwide threats.

While previously assigned to JIEDDO, Mr. Fitzgerald, a member of the Civilian Expeditionary Workforce, deployed as the political advisor to the Office of Security Cooperation–Iraq.

Mr. Fitzgerald was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2004 after retiring from the U.S. Army with 30 years of active duty service.

His prior civilian experience includes serving in the Department of State, where he was the chief of staff for the Bureau of Resource Management. His State Department duties included two 18 month tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, where he served as the senior State Department representative responsible for Afghanistan Police Reform from 2005 to 2006 and as the political advisor to Task Force 714 from 2008 to 2009.

Mr. Fitzgerald served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army from February 1972 until February 2002. He commanded at every infantry level. He was the chief of staff of the deployed 101st Airborne Division Task Force in Kosovo; commander of the 101st Airborne Division Garrison at Fort Campbell, Ky.; chief of staff and deputy commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.; senior observer/controller at the JRTC; and commander of U.S. Forces in the Balkans (Bosnia). Mr. Fitzgerald also commanded the 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) during Operation Just Cause.

His decorations and medals include Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, U.S. Army Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Canadian Parachutist Badge and Panamanian Parachutist Badge.

Mr. Fitzgerald is a graduate of the University of Alabama.