

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Mark L. Swinson



Dr. Mark L. Swinson is acting Vice Director at the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. He is the primary assistant to the director and functions as the chief operating officer of JIEDDO

Dr. Swinson is a member of the Senior Executive Service. In this capacity, he served as the Director, Space and Cyberspace Technology Directorate, Technology Center, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command from April 2010 through January 2013. During this period, he was responsible for developing space superiority, responsive space, high altitude and cyberspace technologies. Prior to being assigned to the director position in April 2010, he served as the organization's chief scientist from June 2005.

From April 2003 to June 2005, Dr. Swinson was the Director for Research and Technology Integration and later, the Director for Math and Information Sciences at the U.S. Army Research Office, Durham, North Carolina. He was responsible for facilitating the transition of 6.1 Basic Research for the Army's Extramural Basic Research Program and personally oversaw the Army's 6.1 Basic Research portfolio in math and information sciences.

His other civilian experience includes serving as the Deputy Director, Intelligent Systems and Robotics Center, Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico; and as the Deputy Director (SES), Information Technology Office, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Virginia.

Dr. Swinson retired from the U.S. Army as a colonel in 2000. His military experience includes serving as program manager and deputy director, Information Technology Office, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; program manager, Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program, Naval Air Systems Command, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland; product manager, Test Equipment Modernization Program, U.S. Army Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Activity, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; and assistant project manager, Unmanned Ground Vehicle Joint Project Office, U.S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal; robotics officer, Headquarters, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia; and assistant professor of mechanical engineering, U. S. Military Academy, New York.

His awards and honors include the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, Outstanding Alumnus 2009 from the University of Florida's Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (two awards) and Parachutist Badge.

Dr. Swinson holds a doctorate in robot control systems from the University of Florida, a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin and a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy.