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## **Rear Admiral Brian J. Brakke**

Rear Admiral Brian J. Brakke is deputy director for operations, Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Agency. He is responsible for supporting combatant commanders with rapidly fused operational information, intelligence and technology to enable the defeat of IED threat networks.

He was commissioned through the Navy ROTC program at Florida State University as an ensign in April 1984, and was promoted to his current rank in July 2014.

Rear Admiral Brakke has served as chief staff officer for Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two; deputy division head for strategic deployments, Operations Directorate, United States Central Command; commander of EOD Mobile Unit Six; ordnance officer at Naval Weapons Station; deputy director of the JIEDDO Capability Acquisition Center; expeditionary combat branch head Naval Operations N957; commander of Commander Task Force 52; commanding officer of Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division; commander of Mine Countermeasures Squadron 3; executive officer of EOD Mobile Unit Eight; EOD officer and contingency planner on the staff of the commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa/U.S. 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet; officer in charge of an EOD contingency detachment, mine countermeasures detachment; operations officer at EOD Mobile Unit Two; and main propulsion assistant and first lieutenant onboard *USS Oldendorf*.

His military education includes Basic Dive Officer School, Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal School, Surface Warfare Officer's School and Gas Turbine Engineering Officer of the Watch School.

Prior to Rear Admiral Brakke's current assignment, he served as chief of staff, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific.

Rear Admiral Brakke has a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College and a Bachelor of Science in biology from Florida State University.

Rear Admiral Brakke's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (six awards) and Navy Achievement medal (two awards).