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Speaker Biography

Daniel Johnson

Director

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Dan was named Director, National Aviation Intelligence Integration Office (NAI2O) in May 2015 to manage and maintain a whole of nation effort to improve intelligence integration and information sharing in support of Aviation Domain Awareness. NAI2O was subsequently designated as the National Intelligence Manager for Aviation in December 2016. His prior assignment was Director, Current Intelligence Division, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security (DHS). For over four years, he led DHS' Watch Listing Cell / Enterprise Pursuit Branch; Current Analysis and Production Branch; and the 24/7 - 365 days a year Indications, Watch, and Warning Branch.

He began his U.S. Air Force career as a Law Enforcement Officer, then moved on to the Intelligence Community (IC) where he spent 26+ years managing and directing Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) operations across all Combatant Commands. He also commanded at the Squadron, Group, and Wing levels, and his last assignment was with the USAF's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency. As the 480th ISR Wing Commander, he commanded over 4,000 airmen leading the USAF's largest and most operationally engaged globally networked multi-INT processing, exploiting, and dissemination enterprise. Additional assignments included Deputy Director for Joint Requirements, Oversight Council, and Targets for the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he provided direct intelligence support to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense.

At DHS he received the National Counterterrorism Center's IC Counter Terrorism Award for Facilitating Terrorism Information Sharing after the Boston Marathon attack and during an al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula imminent threat stream (2014). He was also awarded the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation by the Director of National Intelligence for the TIDE-DHS WLF Project (2015) and again for the effective standup of NAI2O (2016). His military

decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Two Legion of Merit Medals, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and six USAF Meritorious Service Medals.

In 2016, he wrote his thesis on the Aviation Internet of Things and in 2005 he authored Enabling Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance for Effects Based Operations.

He recently completed a Master of Science Degree in Cyber Security. Additionally, he holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Air War College, a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma, and a bachelor's degree in public administration and policy from Eastern Connecticut State University.

He entered the Senior Executive Service in January 2011.