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Keynote Address
LTG Robert P. Ashley, Jr.
Director, U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency

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THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Since 2010, INSA has presented the Achievement Awards to recognize outstanding leadership, mentorship, and contributions to U.S. intelligence, national security, and homeland security. The recipients are early and mid-career professionals, for whom the Achievement Awards often represent the first formal, public recognition of their service to the nation.

Although missions and requirements vary within respective award categories, common selection criteria includes leadership, team building, mentorship, exceptional proficiency, and outsized influence within one’s organization.

The six awards recognize meaningful contributions from all sectors of the national security community:

RICHARD J. KERR
Government Award

SIDNEY D. DRELL
Academic Award

JOAN A. DEMPSEY
Mentorship Award

WILLIAM O. STUDEMAN
Military Award

EDWIN H. LAND
Industry Award

JOHN W. WARNER
Homeland Security Award
Lieutenant General Robert P. Ashley, Jr. became the 21st Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency on 3 October 2017. He formerly served as the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, where he was the senior advisor to the Secretary of the Army and Army Chief of Staff for all aspects of intelligence, counterintelligence and security.

Lieutenant General Ashley is a career army military intelligence officer with assignments in Fort Bragg, NC, Washington, DC, Fort Gordon, GA, MacDill Air Force Base, FL, Izmir, Turkey, and deployments to Operation JOINT FORGE, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq, and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan.

He has commanded at the company, battalion, squadron, and brigade levels with combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan as a squadron, brigade commander, and J-2. His commands include the 206th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Gordon, GA, Intelligence Squadron, Office of Military Support, Washington, DC, and the 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps.

Other key assignments include the Director of Intelligence, United States Army Joint Special Operations Command; the Director of Intelligence, United States Central Command; the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, International Security Assistance Force and Director of Intelligence, United States Forces, Afghanistan; and Commanding General, the United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and Fort Huachuca, AZ.

Lieutenant General Ashley has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Appalachian State University, a master’s degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Defense Intelligence College and a master’s degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (2OLC), Legion of Merit (1OLC), and Bronze Star Medal (2OLC). Lieutenant General Ashley has also earned the Parachutist Badge, Army Aviation Crewmember Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, and Australian Parachutist Badge.
RICHARD J. KERR served as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1989 to 1992, including a term as acting director. He offered critical insight and leadership at a time of global uncertainty that included the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the beginning of U.S. military operations in Iraq. Mr. Kerr began his career at CIA as analyst at the height of the Cold War in 1960, rising to associate director for intelligence in 1982 and then deputy director for intelligence in 1986. Mr. Kerr served as president of the Security Affairs Support Association (SASA), from which INSA was founded, from 1996 to 2001.

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2012
Jessica McKeon
U.S. Department of Treasury

2013
Trey S.
Central Intelligence Agency

2014
David Wilson
National Security Agency

2016
Candace P. Sharkey
DEA

2017
Thomas D. Smith
U.S. Department of Treasury

2018
Don Parlett
Defense Intelligence Agency
J. TRAVIS THOMPSON

Intelligence Officer, 
Defense Intelligence Agency

J. Travis Thompson has demonstrated exceptional initiative, technical expertise, and support of next generation intelligence leaders in his role as an intelligence officer for the Defense Counterproliferation Office at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

His expert analysis was key to a government-wide counterproliferation effort to defeat an adversarial capability. Over the course of a year-long project, he worked seamlessly with multiple intelligence organizations, collection units, and technical experts to identify, assess, and produce intelligence that provided a decisive advantage to the United States.

Mr. Thompson is committed to putting mission first and going above and beyond expectations. During critical manning shortages, he repeatedly volunteered to serve in key leadership positions above his grade level. An advocate for the workforce, he collaborated with peers and senior management to form a junior workforce panel, ensuring an open, ongoing dialogue between line analysts and office leadership. Additionally, he has selflessly shared his knowledge by working to integrate new members to the team and mentoring junior analysts.

INSA recognizes Mr. Thompson for his exceptional analytic skills, his commitment to developing his Agency’s future workforce, and his outstanding potential as a future leader of the U.S. Intelligence Community.
DR. SIDNEY D. DRELL (1926 - 2016) was a groundbreaking theoretical physicist, passionate arms control champion, and trusted government advisor who helped shape U.S. policies on nuclear deterrence and nonproliferation at the start of the Cold War. He is also recognized as one of the founders of satellite reconnaissance as a space discipline. Dr. Drell’s wide-ranging technical expertise informed the national security policies of U.S. presidents for more than 50 years. He served on the President’s Science Advisory Committee under Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon during the Vietnam War and on the Intelligence Advisory Board for President Bill Clinton. He also served on or chaired numerous panels advising Congress, the military and the Intelligence Community.
Dakota S. Rudesill, an Assistant Professor at the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University, is one of only a handful of legal academics with experience inside the Intelligence Community. He is an innovative instructor, accomplished scholar, and champion of next generation leaders.

Assistant Professor Rudesill established The Ohio State National Security Simulation, a sophisticated two-day interdisciplinary exercise that trains students from law, policy, military, intelligence, communications, and business management programs. Now including more than 130 participants, the exercise challenges students to “learn-by-doing,” demonstrate ethical courage, and work as part of multi-profession teams.

His scholarship has been path-breaking. Assistant Professor Rudesill’s article on the Land and Naval Forces Clause of the Constitution provides new insight into the basis for Congress’s regulation of intelligence activities. His 2015 study in the Harvard National Security Journal, “Coming to Terms with Secret Law,” thoughtfully grappled with the use of unpublished legal authorities to regulate controversial intelligence and national security programs.

Through his exemplary teaching, scholarship, and service to his profession, Assistant Professor Rudesill has greatly enhanced intelligence and national security education and helped develop the next generation of U.S. intelligence and national security leaders.
JOAN A. DEMPSEY MENTORSHIP AWARD

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2012
Margaret Dobryndnio
DIA

2013
Dr. Amber Aiken
U.S. Army National Ground Intelligence Center

2014
SSA Amy B. Pittman
FBI

2016
Cynthia M. Epler
DIA

2017
Janna Scott-Tarman
DIA

2018
SMSgt Timothy Favreau, USAF
National Reconnaissance Office

ABOUT JOAN A. DEMPSEY

JOAN DEMPSEY is a trailblazer for women entering the senior executive ranks of the defense and intelligence communities. She spent 17 years as a senior civilian in the Department of Defense, serving as Deputy Director of Intelligence at the Defense Intelligence Agency, amongst other leadership roles. Ms. Dempsey also was a political appointee of both major political parties, serving as the first Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management under President Bill Clinton and later as Executive Director of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board under President George W. Bush. Ms. Dempsey is currently a senior executive advisor at Booz Allen Hamilton.
Lori Anne Parker has displayed exemplary leadership as a senior intelligence officer in the newly established Economic Security Mission Center (ESMC) in the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

In less than a year, she fostered an environment in which her small team of analysts has been challenged to learn and grow while contributing in substantive ways to the Intelligence Community’s mission.

Ms. Parker has helped her team handle the unknown. She encouraged her analysts to seek out training and educational opportunities to strengthen their subject matter expertise and ensured they had the time and resources to take advantage of those opportunities. Importantly, she instilled in her team a strong commitment to tradecraft standards and analytic integrity. Ms. Parker actively connected the unit’s work with complementary efforts throughout DHS, including undertaking a part-time joint duty assignment with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to ensure both organizations supported each other effectively.

Ms. Parker’s everyday leadership, collaborative spirit, and commitment to the mission, have inspired and encouraged the members of her team to achieve their mission, take chances, and grow in their careers.
ADMIRAL BILL STUDEMAN has had a decorated career in the U.S. Navy, the Intelligence Community, and the private sector. He served as director of the National Security Agency from 1988 to 1992, following three years as director of Naval Intelligence. He then joined the CIA, serving as deputy director, with two extended periods as acting director. In 1995, he retired from the U.S. Navy after 32 years. In 2004, President George W. Bush appointed him to the commission examining the intelligence on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. He retired from Northrop Grumman Corporation, where he was vice president and deputy general manager of mission systems, in 2005.

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2012
CPT Christa Martin
U.S. Army

2013
GySgt James Brenneis, USMC
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command

2014
LT William Fox, USN
Office of Naval Intelligence

2016
LT Jared McGuire
U.S. Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Colorado

2017
CPT Brigid K. Calhoun
U.S. Army

2018
LT Rachel O. Carter, USN
U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)
Captain Nicholas R. D’Andrea, USAF, dramatically advanced the National Reconnaissance Office’s (NRO) contributions to a special program in support of DoD tactical missions and improved the U.S. government’s timely support to deployed forces in harm’s way.

As the first Defense Department professional with specific expertise to lead this NRO tactical military mission support team, his exceptional leadership and vision has institutionalized the NRO’s role in specialized DoD mission support operations that save warfighter lives. In less than a year, by earning trust and buy-in from key stakeholders, Captain D’Andrea increased NRO’s national military operations exercise participation by almost three-fold. He reached out to U.S. military schools to ensure their training incorporates information on how NRO assets are deployed in support of DoD missions, thereby increasing operational success and limiting casualties. He worked with Combatant Command planners to integrate national intelligence support into contingency plans, which resulted in a successful military operation in a hostile area. Due to Captain D’Andrea’s leadership, NRO overhead systems supported the Department of Defense’s only live-fly, joint multi-national exercise, demonstrating specialized NRO mission support capabilities. Due to the significant impact of these initiatives, his work was briefed to the Director of National Intelligence and the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

Captain D’Andrea’s commitment to excellence and dedication to the mission bring credit upon himself, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the United States of America.
EDWIN H. LAND (1909 - 1991) was an American scientist and inventor whose contributions to the fields of light polarization and photography revolutionized American culture as well as intelligence gathering. Mr. Land’s pioneering research led to the development of the Polaroid film, an invention that would lead him to co-found what would become the Polaroid Corporation. Mr. Land and his company developed several tools for the U.S. military leading up to and during World War II, including an early version of night-vision goggles and the Vectograph, a viewing system that revealed enemy camouflage in aerial photography. Mr. Land and Polaroid also spearheaded aerial reconnaissance at the start of the Cold War, playing a major role in the development of the Lockheed U-2 spy plane and the first spy satellites.
Adam Van Etten, Ph.D., has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the development, execution, and management of a comprehensive, open-source strategy for utilizing artificial intelligence (AI) on remote sensing data at scale for national security, commercial, and humanitarian applications.

He has been instrumental in developing projects and deliverables that accelerate AI algorithms and tools across the entire workflow. Dr. Van Etten led and contributed to the development of four open source tools, algorithms, and analytic evaluation metrics that have advanced the missions of CosmiQ’s stakeholders in the Intelligence Community and the Department of Defense.

Dr. Van Etten led the SpaceNet 3 Challenge focused on road network extraction and routing. When traditional metrics proved inadequate, he developed a new, more practical evaluation metric, Average Path Length Similarity, for scoring road network and routing detection. He has helped nonprofit and humanitarian organizations leverage and contribute to open source tools and data sets and has incorporated AI capabilities into disaster response crowdsourcing platforms to increase their speed and accuracy.

Dr. Van Etten’s vision, leadership, and technical contributions enabled the application of artificial intelligence to mission critical mapping and remote sensing applications, thereby enhancing the capabilities of the Intelligence Community and the security of the nation.
JOHN W. WARNER
HOMELAND SECURITY AWARD

ABOUT JOHN W. WARNER

SENATOR JOHN W. WARNER (R-VA) was a prominent, influential voice on national security during his 30 years in the U.S. Senate. He thrice served as Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services; he was also Vice Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence and a member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Prior to public office, he served as Secretary of the Navy under President Richard Nixon. Sen. Warner’s unique understanding of intelligence collection and analysis, and the critical role of intelligence to inform policymakers, made him a highly respected champion of intelligence budget and policy matters. In 2008, Senator Warner became the first recipient of the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal.

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2012
Jordan Renga
Office of Intelligence & Analysis, DHS

2013
Lindsay Hovis
Pennsylvania State Police

2014
IS2 Tyler Sherman, USCG
U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento

2016
Robert A. Lagnado
U.S. Secret Service

2017
Sean Sullivan
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

2018
Lt Adrienne Walsh
Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY)
Saeben Haverington displayed exceptional leadership, initiative, and teambuilding skills as project lead of a multi-department team that created the first holistic maritime and air domain awareness intelligence estimate for the U.S. Great Lakes.

Due to Mr. Haverington’s vision, what started as a small team of intelligence analysts from the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Intelligence quickly grew in scope and diversity, as members from CBP’s Office of Field Operations, Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Border Patrol, and U.S. Coast Guard joined the effort. He and his team developed a unique intelligence methodology that drew on reporting from DHS Components and other agencies in and around the Great Lakes. He forged partnerships with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Border Services Agency, Ontario Provincial Police, as well as with U.S. state and local law enforcement agencies, to ensure the initiative provided a full picture of aviation and maritime activity on Lake Erie.

The novel intelligence methodology led to the reallocation of resources to better combat cross-border threats, as well as increased joint operations across Lake Erie, and the project’s focus has expanded to now include Lake Huron and Superior.

Mr. Haverington’s leadership, vision, and dedication to the mission has significantly enhanced U.S. national security and U.S.-Canadian cooperation along the northern border of the United States.
Philip Haddad has demonstrated exceptional leadership and innovative thinking as a Targeting Analyst supporting the Department of Homeland Security’s Homeland Identities, Targeting and Exploitation Center (HITEC).

Mr. Haddad pioneered a novel counter-network targeting methodology that produced breakthrough operational results in a major Homeland Security Investigations terrorism case. His approach enabled his team to rapidly interpret and structure large volumes of data from digital devices, accelerating the timeframe from investigation to indictment by over a year. In the process, he discovered previously unknown links to terrorist and illicit smuggling organizations, which informed the Defense Department’s prioritization of high-value targets on the battlefield.

Mr. Haddad’s efforts led to the overhaul of the HITEC and the establishment of a new specialized counter-network targeting team. His work provided DHS operational customers with high-value insights and informed terrorist arrests in multiple countries abroad, while also supporting DoD operations in the Middle East. Mr. Haddad’s cutting-edge work has garnered praise for its operational impacts and serves as a best practice for how intelligence and law enforcement agencies can collaborate on high-priority investigations.
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