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Shawn Skelly

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Experience

United States Department of Defense
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness
July 2021 - Present (2 years 2 months)
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the USD(P&R) on all matters related to the readiness of the Total Force.

Biden - Harris Presidential Transition
Team Member, Department of Defense Agency Review Team
November 2020 - January 2021 (3 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Served as a fulltime volunteer member contributing to the team's mission responsibility for understanding the operations of the Department of Defense, ensuring a smooth transfer of power, and preparing for President-elect Biden, Vice President-elect Harris, and their cabinet to hit the ground running on day one.

CACI International Inc
Acquisition Analyst
March 2018 - November 2020 (2 years 9 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service
Commissioner, National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service
January 2017 - September 2020 (3 years 9 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Appointed by President Obama to serve as one of eleven members of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, an independent commission in the executive branch established by the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, to conduct a review of the military selective service process and consider methods to increase participation in military, national, and public service to address national security and other public service needs of the

Nation. The Commission issued its final report in March 2020, and concluded its work in September 2020. www.inspire2serve.gov

U.S. Department of Transportation

Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat

June 2016 - January 2017 (8 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Personal and confidential assistant to both the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Transportation, led a fourteen person team responsible for the conduct of Department's correspondence and coordination with the White House, National Security Council, Congress, and State, Local and Tribal governments. Maintained oversight of direct administrative and budgeting support to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, and for the administrative compliance of the Department's twenty-plus Advisory Committees.

United States Department of Defense

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics

December 2013 - June 2016 (2 years 7 months)

Arlington, VA

Coordinator, Warfighter Senior Integration Group. Responsible for the daily execution of a recurring, Departmental-level senior leader decision support forum which facilitated the most urgent and unique support requirements of Combatant Commanders. Personally led six preparatory meetings monthly to coordinate DoD-wide participation and preparation for the conduct of two monthly principals meetings; which consisted of thirty five-plus Senior Executive Service, General and Flag Officer participants from across the globe, representing the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, the Military Services, Defense Agencies, Combatant Commands and the Department of State, focusing on support to coalition operations in Afghanistan and the campaign against the Islamic State.

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Business Development, Proposal Writer, Training Specialist and Researcher

October 2008 - August 2013 (4 years 11 months)

Herndon, VA

US Navy

2 years 4 months

Director, Marine Corps Improvised Explosive Device Working Group

July 2007 - September 2008 (1 year 3 months)

Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA

Responsible for the Service-wide coordination of Marine Corps Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat efforts, through fifteen officers and civilians in direct support of USMC operating forces deployed worldwide, including the oversight of multiple Marine Corps IED Defeat initiatives from requirements definition, technology identification and development, testing, and training, through to combat deployment. Supervised collaborative relationships with over twenty USMC, Department of the Navy, Joint, DoD and interagency IED Defeat stakeholder organizations. USMC Subject Matter Expert for IED Defeat matters within the Joint Capabilities Integration Development System (JCIDS), developing Service-level position recommendations and directly supporting Marine Corps principals at the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) and Joint Capabilities Board (JCB) levels. Oversaw introduction and subject matter expert support of Counter-IED systems, initiatives and capabilities into the Marine Corps' DOTMLPF process and onward movement into the Marine Corps Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution (PPBE) cycle.

Deputy Director for GWOT Operations, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory

April 2007 - June 2007 (3 months)

Marine Base Quantico, VA

Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, Quantico, VA

USMC Liaison Officer to the Joint IED Defeat Organization, Crystal City, VA

June 2006 - March 2007 (10 months)

Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA

Served as the sole on-site representative of the USMC to an Office of the Secretary of Defense organization providing lifesaving, game changing solutions directly to deployed USMC operating forces.

US Pacific Command

Deputy Chief, South Asia, Southeast Asia & Oceania Policy (J52)

April 2003 - April 2006 (3 years 1 month)

Camp H.M. Smith, HI

Led a 14-person joint uniformed and civilian team in the daily conduct of the politico-military relationship with 33 nations in the Pacific Command (PACOM) Area of Responsibility. Oversaw collaboration with and support to multiple stakeholder organizations and agencies, to include: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, National Security Agency and Director of National

Intelligence Liaison offices, Joint Interagency Task Force-West and the US Coast Guard.

Coordinated the Command's efforts with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), State Department, U.S. Embassies and major subordinate commands in the conduct of the National Security Strategy and the National Military Strategy in each assigned country. Planned and executed over 20 annual bilateral military meetings, including multiple 4-star and 2-star level events with treaty allies, strategic partners and emerging nations, in addition to PACOM Commander's travel and senior leadership engagement throughout the region. Routinely briefed the Commander and Deputy Commander, USPACOM on routine regional affairs and emergent developments.

Oversaw development of the annual PACOM Theater Security Cooperation Plan for South Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania nations including security assistance prioritization, exercises and exchanges.

Key coordinator of the Pacific Command's initial efforts to prioritize both the President's Proliferation Security Initiative and Maritime Domain Awareness capabilities amongst key allied and partner nations astride the globally vital Strait of Malacca Sea Line of Communication and the terrorist transit routes through the Sulu and Celebes Seas via sustained capacity-building, cooperation and information sharing efforts.

United States Navy

Department Head - Sea Control Squadron 29, NAS North Island, CA
February 1999 - September 2001 (2 years 8 months)

Naval Air Station North Island, CA

Operations Officer responsible for the planning and execution of daily flight operations for an S-3B Viking squadron of eight aircraft and thirty five aircrew involved in embarked carrier operations and training ashore.

Tactics and Training Officer charged with developing and maintaining the squadron's combat readiness in multiple disciplines including Surface Warfare, Subsurface Warfare, Strike Warfare and Electronic Warfare.

Safety Officer responsible for all squadron safety programs including: Aviation Safety, Naval Occupational Safety and Health (NAVOSH) and the Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) program.

United States Navy

7 years 9 months

Future Operations Officer - U.S. Second Fleet / Striking Fleet Atlantic
April 1997 - October 1998 (1 year 7 months)

Flight Instructor - Sea Control Squadron 41, NAS North Island, CA
March 1994 - March 1997 (3 years 1 month)

NFO Standardization Officer, Weapon Systems Phase Officer, Naval
Occupational Safety & Health Officer

Naval Flight Officer - Sea Control Squadron 37, NAS North Island, CA
February 1991 - February 1994 (3 years 1 month)

Mission Commander, NFO NATOPS Officer, Conventional Weapons &
Tactics Officer, Nuclear Weapons Training Officer, Nuclear Safety Officer,
Communications & Cryptographic Material Security Officer, Avionics,
Electronics & Armaments Branch Officer

Education

U.S. Naval War College

MA, National Security and Strategic Studies · (2001 - 2002)

University of South Carolina

BA, History · (1984 - 1988)