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## **DANIEL J. LECCE**

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### **ACTING DIRECTOR**

Daniel J. Lecce is the Acting Director of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), the United States Government's premier provider of integrated security services, effective September 28, 2023. In this capacity, he is leading the implementation of centralized critical national security enterprise capabilities for personnel security, industrial security, counterintelligence, and security training. He leads the agency's strategic transformation and maturation with a workforce of approximately 12,000 federal and contract support personnel worldwide. Additionally, Mr. Lecce directs the development and deployment of end-to-end national-level Information Technology infrastructure designed to support the security enterprise.

Prior to this, Mr. Lecce served as the DCSA Deputy Director since January 18, 2022, where he was the principal advisor to the DCSA Director, assisting in shaping necessary policy, managing DCSA's resources, and leading operational activities to accomplish the agency's mission.

Mr. Lecce served 35 years in the United States Marine Corps retiring as a Major General. During his Marine Corps career, Mr. Lecce served in numerous high-level leadership positions both as a commander and advisor to high level Department of Defense leaders. In his last assignment, Mr. Lecce was responsible for the oversight, strategic direction, and resourcing of the Marine Corps' uniformed legal enterprise, leading a cadre of 1,500 military and civilian professionals located around the globe. During his tenure he led transformational change within the Marine Judge Advocate community driven by his strategy to optimize resources, establish training and fellowship programs, streamline processes and procedures, and introduce modern and fully secure information systems. As the senior-most uniformed legal advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Mr. Lecce provided strategic and service-related advice on issues including cyber law, intelligence-operations law, intelligence oversight, and military justice issues. He provided testimony to Congress on multiple occasions regarding high visibility issues facing the Marine Corps.

Mr. Lecce's prior experience also includes serving as the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. There, Mr. Lecce managed an operating budget of over \$25 million, a military construction program valued at \$3.5 billion and oversaw the largest facility and infrastructure expansion of the base since the 1940s.



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Mr. Lecce also served as the Commander of Marine Security Guard units protecting 21 embassies and consulates across the Middle East and Asia. In that position, Mr. Lecce was responsible for Marines overseeing the physical security of United States embassies and their personnel; safeguarding classified information; and responding to terrorist threats.

Mr. Lecce is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh; the University of Pittsburgh School of Law; the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School; and the Johns Hopkins Nitze School of Advanced International Studies.