



DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY

BIOGRAPHY



EDWARD J. "NED" FISH, SR.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Mr. Edward "Ned" Fish is the Chief of Staff of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA).

In this capacity, Mr. Fish exercises leadership by managing, directing, and coordinating day-to-day operations of the agency. He is responsible for interpreting and implementing higher level policies and regulations that directly shape and improve DCSA operations and customer interaction throughout the agency. As an advisor to Director, Deputy Director and senior staff, he provides advice and assistance on a variety of matters which are typically complex, technical, sensitive, multifunctional and broad in scope and impact.

He was named the acting Chief of Staff in July 2021, and prior to that he was the Chief of Security Program for DCSA. While at DCSA, Fish also served as the Deputy Director of the former DCSA, Defense Vetting Directorate (2018-2019). He served as the first Director of the Department of Defense (DoD) Consolidated Adjudications Facility (CAF), from 2013-18. As the Director of the DoD CAF, Mr. Fish served as a member of the Chief Management Office (CMO) executive management team and was instrumental in consolidating the adjudicative activities of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Joint Staff, Washington Headquarters Services, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, and the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals, to render personnel security determinations for 96% of DoD and 85% of the Federal government.

Mr. Fish retired from the U.S Army as a decorated Colonel in January 2013 after nearly 28 years of service. He served in Armor units until 1993 as Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Battalion Intelligence Officer. From 1993, he served in increasingly responsible command and staff Military Intelligence positions culminating as the Commander, U.S. Army Central Clearance Facility, Fort Meade, MD. His assignments included: 66th Military Intelligence Brigade; Defense Intelligence Agency; Chief, Intelligence Planner and Chief, Intelligence Operations Center, J2, European Command; Deputy Corps G2 and Chief, Corps G2 All-Source Center, NATO Rapid Deployment Corps – Spain; and Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Force Strategic Engagements Cell, Multi-National Forces – Iraq.

Mr. Fish received a B.A. in Political Science from The Citadel, a M.S. in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University, and a M.A. in National Security & Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Service Staff School, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, the National Intelligence University, and the U.S. Naval War College.

His civilian and military awards and decorations include the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Military Intelligence Corps Knowlton Award, and many campaign medals and recognitions from both the Department of Defense and U.S. Army.