Biography

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Konrad Trautman served for 27 years as a uniformed intelligence and Special Operations Forces (SOF) officer before transitioning to the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service (DISES) to become U.S. Special Operations Command's (USSOCOM) Director of Intelligence, J2 in September 2007.

As a uniformed officer, Mr. Trautman served in a variety of intelligence, SOF, command, and staff positions in Afghanistan, Iraq, Korea, Washington, and Ft Bragg. He served in key assignments in both HUMINT and SIGINT collection units, and in several key all-source intelligence staff assignments. He served in SOF units for 10 years; overseas in the Pacific/Asia region for 8 years; and commanded intelligence or SOF units at brigade, battalion, company, and detachment levels for 8 years. He was designated a Joint Specialty Officer in 1994. His final assignment in uniform was as USSOCOM's J3X, Director of Special Activities.

Mr. Trautman graduated the U.S. Army War College in 2000, earning a Masters of Science in Strategic Studies and authoring a thesis on intelligence lessons learned from Kosovo, which advocated greater use of SOF for reconnaissance, surveillance, and targeting. He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1992, earning a Masters of Military Arts and Science and authoring a classified thesis on HUMINT Support to SOF Targeting. He graduated from the Penn State University in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in International Affairs and Foreign Service.

Mr. Trautman's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Special Forces Tab, and Ranger Tab.

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