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Dr. Troy Meink is currently the Director for the Communications Directorate in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense/Networks and Information Integration (OASD/NII). Dr. Meink manages the Department's efforts in Military Satellite Communications, Tactical Radio Communications, Data Links, Combat Identification and Identification Friend or Foe. He is also responsible for all oversights and policies of communications programs within the Department of Defense (DoD).

Prior to assuming this position, Dr. Meink was the Transformation Satellite Communications System (TSAT) program director at the Military Satellite Communications (MILSATCOM) Joint Program Office, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command. Responsibilities included the development of the first Net-Centric communications satellite. Dr. Meink also acted as program manager and senior aerospace research engineer at the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory Space Vehicles Directorate.

Dr. Meink served as an Air Force Officer. During his distinguished Air Force career, he served as an Air Force Navigator at Grissom Air Force Base, (1988–1993) and ballistic missile flight test engineer and program manager with the National Air Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, (1993–1997). Before entering government service Dr. Meink was a program manager and test pilot for a general aviation aircraft development program.

Dr. Meink holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of South Dakota. He attended the Ohio State University where he received both his master's degree and doctorate in aeronautical and astronautical engineering.

Some of Dr. Meink's honors and awards include Associate Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the USAF Material Command Science and Technology Achievement Award, the USAF Space Command John J. Welch, Jr. Award, and the USAF Agile Acquisition Transformational Leadership Award.