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Col. Brett Plentl is the director of Data Integration and Fusion Center at Schriever AFB, Colo. and is also HQ USSTRATCOM/J8V, Special Projects. His tasks include cross-service networking and C2 modernization as well as other projects.

Col. Plentl graduated Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB in 1987 and was selected for F-111 training. He was stationed at RAF Lakenheath, U.K. from 1988–1995, where he flew in Operation Desert Storm in the F-111F and upon return to England, transitioned into the F-15E.

Col Plentl was selected for the F-15E Fighter Weapons Instructor Course (FWIC) in 1995 with a follow on assignment to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. and in 1997 was selected to attend the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

He was assigned to AFOTEC at Kirtland AFB, N.M. during 1998–2000 and was the Operational Test director of MIDS testing (Link 16) in the F-15. He was also director of Special Testing.

In 2000, he returned to flying the F-15E, operationally testing new software at Nellis AFB, Nev. and served as director of testing for the 53WG. Following Sept 11, 2001 he was selected to lead the HQ CENTCOM TST cell in Tampa, Fla. to support Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). In 2003, he was selected as deputy TST cell chief for Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq) in the Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) in Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia.

After returning from Saudi Arabia, he was selected to attend Senior Service School in residence at RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, Calif. and after graduation in 2004, was assigned to the AFC2ISRC at Langley AFB, Va. as special assistant to the technical director.

In 2006, he was assigned to HQ USSTRATCOM.

Col. Plentl has the experience of knowing first hand what the flight crew needs from net centric communications and has evolved from being a warfighter to seeking to bring net centric capability to other warfighters in the field.