

Mr. Ronald W. Pontius, Director, C2 Programs & Policy



Mr. Ronald W. Pontius serves as the Director for Command and Control Programs and Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration (OASD(NII)), providing functional and acquisition oversight for all command and control (C2) systems across the Department of Defense (DoD). In addition, Mr. Pontius is responsible for the development of policy and strategic guidance for DoD C2 to transition to net-centric environment.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Pontius served as the Director of Executive Programs at the Defense Acquisition University School of Program Managers. In this capacity he mentored senior Program Managers and Program Executive Officers in the art of successfully leading and managing major defense acquisition programs and major automated information systems. Prior to this Mr. Pontius had a distinguished military career in the U.S. Army Signal Corps with over 26 years of operational and major acquisition assignments.

Mr. Pontius' operational assignments in the Army included positions of increasing responsibility involving duties of communications support to Special Operations, Intelligence, Airborne and Light Infantry units, Training with Industry, and extensive communications network operations and planning as Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Battalion Operations and Security Officer, Brigade Operations and Engineering Officer, Battalion Executive Officer, Inspector General, joint staff officer at a Combatant Command, and Battalion Commander. Additionally, he participated in Operation Just Cause (Panama) and Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait) with the XVIII (Airborne) Corps from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Mr. Pontius' acquisition career in the Army began at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) where he served as the Program Director for the Global Command and Control System – Joint (GCCS-J) and the Global Combat Support System (GCSS) programs. He subsequently was appointed the Program Manager for the GCCS-Joint, a \$911 million ACAT IAM program, responsible for providing the primary joint command and control system for the Secretary of Defense, National Military Command Center, Combatant Commanders, Joint Task Force Commanders, and world-wide deployment to 635 operational sites. Mr. Pontius culminated his Army career as a C2 Program Analyst within OASD(NII). He provided senior-level program analysis, functional oversight, and acquisition management oversight for eight major joint and Service C2 acquisition programs.

Mr. Pontius holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and Business Administration from Carnegie-Mellon University, a Masters of Science degree in Business Administration from Boston University, and a Masters degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University.