

# Major General (Ret) John C. Doesburg



**Major General (Retired) John Doesburg was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He entered the Army through the ROTC Program at the University of Oklahoma in 1970 with a degree in Chemistry.**

He has an extensive background in chemical and biological weapons defense having commanded and served for over 30 years in Army units designed to detect and protect soldiers from the effects of chemical and biological agents. He has had unique assignments – serving as a negotiator for the Arms Control and Disarmament

Agency during the Chemical Weapons Treaty negotiations; commanding the first operational chemical weapons demilitarization site on Johnston Atoll and serving as the Department of Defense's Joint Program Manager for Biological Defense. His most recent assignment was as the Commanding General of the Army's Research, Development and Engineering Command where he was responsible for the majority of the Army's Centers and Laboratories. During his last assignment he was the Army's Senior Uniformed Scientist and was responsible for all military uniformed scientists and engineers.

John arrived at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in November of 2004 and continued his work in chemical and biological defense, focusing on detection of the next generation of threats. In 2005, he became responsible for the Laboratories Department of Homeland Security Programs. Because of his background in military research and development, John was asked to become part of the new management team for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and in October 2007, became their Principal Associate Director for Global Security. For the next two years he was responsible for over 900 programs and 1000 scientists, engineers and support staff. John returned to Oak Ridge National Laboratory in October 2009 and now serves as the Director of International Security and Analysis Programs.