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Mr. Ryan joined the Senior Executive Service of the Department of Defense in 2007 following a 25-year career in the US Air Force having retired as a Colonel. He was commissioned in 1982 from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is a distinguished graduate of the Joint Military Intelligence College, was a National Defense Fellow with Congress, and attended the Collège interarmée de défense in Paris. His assignments include flying duties as an instructor pilot, flight commander, Red Flag mission commander, and assistant director of operations in the A-10A. His staff assignments include the Command Action Group in Air Education and Training Command and a tour in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Colonel Ryan has taught extensively in the United States and Europe including as a Department Director at the NATO School. Prior to assuming his previous position, he also served as the Military Advisor to the Secretary of Defense Representative, Europe at the US Mission to NATO.

Mr. Ryan has published various works including:

- *Military Pilot Retention: Issues and Options*. Washington, DC: Congressional Research Service, 11 September 1998.
- *Military Readiness: Congressional Issues Regarding Tiered Readiness* with Michael A. Longoria. Washington, DC: Congressional Research Service, 31 August 1998.
- *Military Readiness, Operations Tempo and Personnel Tempo: Are US Force Doing Too Much?* Washington, DC: Congressional Research Service, January 1998.

Mr. Ryan earned a master's degree in International Relations from Troy State University, a bachelor's degree from the United States Air Force Academy as well as completing other military, national and international training while on active duty and after his retirement.