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## **John Randolph Wood, Ph.D.**



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Dr. John Wood is the Director, Pacific Outreach (J9), U.S. Pacific Command (HQ USPACOM), Camp Smith, Hawaii. As the HQ USPACOM J9, Dr. Wood leads the Command's Strategic Public-Private Partnership Outreach and Senior Leadership Engagement, oversees USPACOM All-Hazards campaign, Interagency Coordination and Unity of Action, and Legislative Affairs sections to accomplish USPACOM's mission, strategy, and priorities.

Dr. Wood was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in August 2014. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Wood was an active duty naval officer through the rank of Captain, and brings 31 years of leadership and management to civilian service.

Dr. Wood was the Senior Defense Official, US Defense and Naval Attaché, US Embassy, Republic of Singapore, from 2010-2014. With a staff of 15 including 6 fully accredited attachés, Dr. Wood was the coordinating authority for all Defense activities in Singapore and the principal military advisor to the Ambassador.

Dr. Wood commanded Training Air Wing One from 2007-2009. As Commodore, he led 800 civilian contractors, government civilians, and Navy, Marine, French and UK instructor pilots and student pilots in three subordinate squadrons in advanced strike training. His air wing produced half of the Navy/Marine Corps strike fighter pilots while his team was responsible for 85 aircraft and a \$100M budget.

From 2005-2007 Dr. Wood served as Director of Strategy, Assessments, and Analysis for Commander, Naval Forces Europe. He managed a team of 20 personnel that advised, led and assessed a major staff move from London to Naples and commensurate 20 percent staff reduction, and helped develop and execute a completely new organizational structure. He created the strategy and assessment team for the Command's partnerships in Africa, and developed an innovative open source information and assessment process that tracked the efficacy of US military training teams in the Gulf of Guinea.

From 2004-2005, Dr. Wood was the Assistant Chief of Staff (N5) for Political-Military Affairs, Plans, Exercises, Strategy and Assessments to the Commander, Naval Forces Central Command/Commander Fifth Fleet, Kingdom of Bahrain, during Operation Iraqi Freedom and

Operation Enduring Freedom. Dr. Wood led a team of 60 political-military experts, coalition officers, and analysts to develop objectives and lines of operation congruent with coalition and the Combatant Commander's strategies, reinvigorated a dormant exercise program, led all mil-mil engagements throughout the Middle East, and developed short and long term strategic plans that extended into the post-war period.

From 1983-2004 Dr. Wood's assignments included: Commanding Officer, 33d Squadron; Plans and Feet Warfare Officer (N32/N52), U. S. Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka Japan; Operations and Readiness Officer, Fighter Wing Atlantic; Plans Officer, US Central Command; Operations Officer, Fighter Squadron Eleven; Instructor, Fighter Squadron One Two Four; Graduate, Navy Fighter Weapons School; and F-14 Training Officer, Fighter Squadron One. Throughout his career, Dr. Wood received numerous naval aviation honors including: Training Command "Pilot of the Year," Carrier Air Wing TWO "Tailhook Pilot of the Year," and Carrier Air Wing Fourteen "Tailhook Pilot of the Year."

Selected as the US Navy's Moreau Scholar in 1998, Dr. Wood holds a Ph.D. in International Security Affairs from the Fletcher School, Tufts University, where he graduated top in his class and was awarded the Robert Stewart Prize for leadership and academic excellence. He holds Masters of Arts degrees from the University of San Diego and United States Naval War College in International Relations, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the US Naval Academy, Dean's List with Distinction. As a guest lecturer from 2007-2009 at the Center for Executive Education, Naval Post Graduate School, he taught Strategic Planning to DoD Flag, General and SES officers. From 2010-2014, he was a guest lecturer at various institutions and think tanks in Singapore and Southeast Asia.

In 1996 out of a field of over one thousand national applicants, Dr. Wood was selected as 1 of 18 White House Fellows, serving as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State. An avid supporter of the military's role in diplomacy and international engagements, in 2005 he helped found the US Navy's Foreign Area Officer (FAO) community and served on the first of many FAO selection and promotion boards.

Dr. Wood's personal decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal (3), Meritorious Service Medals (4), Air Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Air Force Achievement Medals as well as various service medals, commendations and citations.