



George Duchak
Director
Defense Innovation Unit – Experimental (DIUx)

George Duchak was recently named Director, Defense Innovation Unit – Experimental, by the Department of Defense. He is the former Director, Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate, Rome, NY; a former DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) Program Manager; and a businessman with more than a decade of private industry experience. DIUx is a Silicon-Valley based initiative that will serve as a conduit between leading edge innovators and the Department of Defense.

After retiring from the United States Navy, George was recruited by DARPA where he developed and transitioned a variety of programs in the broad area of C4I and Cyber. In private industry he started several companies that served the US Government by providing technical consultancy or product. The product focus was principally in the area of intelligence exploitation using crowd sourcing techniques and big data analytics.

George most recently led the Air Force's and nation's premier research organization for command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I) and cyber technologies. The mission of the Information Directorate is to explore, prototype and demonstrate high-impact, game-changing technologies that enable the Air Force and nation to maintain its superior technical advantage. He directed basic research and advanced development activities in information exploitation, information fusion, information understanding and management, cyber operations, connectivity and networks, command and control, and advanced computing architectures. He oversaw a workforce of 1,166 military, civilians, and on-site contractors and executed an annual budget of over \$1 billion.

George earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, a Master of Science in Aerospace Avionics and the Degree of Aeronautical Engineer both from the Naval Postgraduate School, a Master of Business Administration from The Ohio State University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Policy from George Mason University. He is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the University of Chicago Booth Graduate School of Business and completed the Program Management Course at the Defense Acquisition University. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service.