

RANDY TANAKA

Profile

Mr. Tanaka served as the National Leadership Command Capabilities Center (NLCC) Chief at DISA, where he focused on technologies related to high priority DoD mission areas including nuclear command and control and continuity of government. His DISA career included positions as Technical Director, DISA Europe/Enterprise Operations Center; Technical Director, DISA Operations Directorate; and SATCOM Engineering Division Chief.

Relevant Experience

Mr. Tanaka most recently served as the Technical Director at DISA Europe/Enterprise Operations Center. In this position, he provided IT service support at HQ USEUCOM and HQ USAFRICOM, directing senior leadership in problem solving during high OPTEMPO and real-world crisis response areas.

Prior to that, he served as the National Leadership Command Capabilities Center (NLCC) Chief at DISA managing a bilateral communications program executed by the U.S. DoD and the Ministry of Defense (MOD) in the United Kingdom, which supports satellite-and-landline communications between the US and the UK heads of state. He directed and managed operations of the NLCC. He reorganized and expanded all NLCC mission areas including Presidential and Senior Leader communications, Nuclear Command, Control and Communications (NC3) and Continuity of Government (COG) communications. While at NLCC, he supported time-critical telecommunication needs of Senior National Leaders and coordinated with numerous DoD stakeholders to define and defend budgets and spending priorities. He provided leadership direction and program oversight in the development, coordination, testing, and implementation of operational procedures for the control, management, and use of strategic communication systems between NLCC and its counterparts in 44 countries. While leading a force of 70+ and a budget of \$200M+, he increased NLCC operational capabilities for important NLCC functions related to global telecommunications with locations of vital importance to the U.S.

He was also selected by the DISA Director of Network Services to direct ongoing multi-year effort to create and sustain first-ever state-of-the-art, cross-functional global one-phone/one-screen capability for all NLCC clients. He led cost/benefit mission analysis, developed required documents, and won approval for Phase One and Joint Staff validation for work to date.

In his career at DISA, Randy held the position of Operations Directorate Technical Director, where he directed and provided daily DoD integrated information operations on demand to warfighters, policy makers, and support personnel worldwide. He advised the Principal Director on and developed plans for future operational improvements. He was also the SATCOM Engineering Division Chief where he directed systems engineering for all DOD satellites, leading efforts to improve satellite communications reliability and efficiency. He pioneered the first-ever DISA use of a Creative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) to team with private sector partners.

He was chosen as the Operations Directorate Technical Director, serving as the focal point for Network Operations (NetOps) requirements, standards, policies, and process. He led the enterprise-wide implementation and the operation of integrated solutions in the DoD information networks.

Education

Master's Degree in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces; National Defense University Electrical Engineering Studies, Naval Postgraduate School; Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Iowa State University