
William G. Melton



Director of Program & Budget Research and Development Support Activity

Mr. Will Melton currently serves as the Director, Research and Development Support Activity (RDSA), Naval Intelligence Activity. In this capacity he leads the RDSA's activities to capitalize on the combined research and development strengths of the DON and Intelligence Community (IC) in support of DON intelligence activities and operations.

Mr. Melton was appointed to the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service with Naval Intelligence in November 2016 and has over 10 years of Federal Service.

In June, 2013, he joined the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), serving in several senior positions in both the Financial Management and IT Services directorates. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Melton was NGA's Deputy Chief Financial Executive.

Upon retiring from the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in 2004, Mr. Melton first worked in industry as a consultant to NGA and then joined the civil service as an NGA employee. In 2006 he entered the senior civilian ranks upon his assignment as the Marine Corps' first Assistant Director of Intelligence for Resources.

Mr. Melton returned to Quantico, Virginia in 2001 where he was initially assigned as the Assistant Program Manager, Signals Intelligence/Ground Electronic Warfare Systems within the Marine Corps Systems Command and later became the Program Manager for all USMC ground electronic warfare and intelligence systems.

In 1998 Mr. Melton was ordered to Quantico, Virginia where he served first as a requirements officer and then as the operations officer for Requirements Division, Marine Corps Combat Development Command. His next assignment was as the Deputy AC/S, G-2, III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan.

Following assignments in Guam and in North Carolina, he was appointed as a Director's Fellow at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland in 1994. Upon completion of the fellowship, Mr. Melton was assigned as the Marine Corps' liaison officer to NSA and subsequently served as the executive officer of Marine Support Battalion.

In July 1986, he was selected for the Olmsted Scholar Program and after completing language training at DLI was transferred to Paris, France where he attended the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, earning the equivalent of a Master's degree in Economics and Finance in 1989.

Mr. Melton attended the University of Virginia on a NROTC scholarship, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He later completed graduate work in engineering and was awarded a Master's degree in Systems Engineering from UVA.

His personal awards and decorations include the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the NGA Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, and others. He is DAWIA Level III certified in Program Management.