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Mr. Hein serves as the Director, Plans and Policy for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT N5) and acts as the principal advisor to the Commander on matters of policy and planning development regarding foreign engagement, strategic planning, operational research, and Joint and Navy doctrine. In this capacity, the N5 supports the Commander's Strategic Plan by leading a diverse organization that translates national political-military strategy and policy into Pacific Fleet objectives; develops and articulates Fleet input into regional and national political-military strategy and policy; formulates and conducts the Pacific Fleet Research, Analyses and War Game Program, which is responsible for resourcing, training, and sustaining naval operational forces for the Pacific Theater; and acts as policy coordinator and planner for conventional and nuclear war plans issues, strategic planning, theater security cooperation planning, foreign engagement, combating weapons of mass destruction, humanitarian civic assistance planning, and pandemic influenza planning.

Mr. Hein recently retired from the Navy following a 30 year career as surface warfare officer. He served on seven ships around the globe and had the privilege of commanding two of them: the USS Gettysburg (CG 64), where he also served as the maritime regional air defense commander for U.S. Central Command; and the USS Nitze (DDG 94), where he conducted counter-piracy operations off the Horn of Africa. He has completed two tours as a requirements officer on the Navy staff for combatant modernization and for future logistics capabilities. He was the current operations officer for U.S. Fleet Forces Command, where he coordinated Navy response to natural disasters and homeland defense. He also has served as an action officer on the Joint Staff, Joint Operations Directorate, and as Chief of Staff to the NATO Mediterranean Fleet. His final position in the Navy was the Deputy Director of Strategy on the OPNAV staff.

Mr. Hein is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds a master's in National Security Affairs and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College. He also served as the Navy's fellow at the Brookings Institution, and has published extensively on a range of national security issues. He accepted a civilian government service position in July 2019.