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Mr. Hood serves as the Deputy Director, Maritime Operations for U.S. Fleet Forces Command. In this capacity, he serves as the principal assistant and advisor to the Director, Maritime Operations, and the Commander on all matters pertaining to Fleet scheduling, training, policy, planning, international engagement, and force protection. He provides direct oversight of Navy global force management, supporting the Joint Staff in the sourcing of U.S. Navy assets to meet combatant commander requirements for global Navy presence.

He was selected for appointment to the Senior Executive Service in August 2020, and has eight years of civilian service in the Department of the Navy. Prior to his current position, Mr. Hood served as the USFF Director, Strategy, Policy, Plans and International Engagement which followed seven years as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategy, Resources and Plans for U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa, U.S. Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy.

Mr. Hood began his career as a Naval Officer and retired from active duty as a Captain after nearly thirty years of service. While on active duty as a Naval Aviator, Mr. Hood amassed over 4000 hours flying more than 20 series of aircraft and made numerous deployments embarked in frigates, destroyers and amphibious assault ships. He commanded a Tactical Air Control Squadron and deployed on September 11, 2001 in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*, and in 2003 in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*.

His staff assignments have included tours as the Chief of the Command Center Operations Division on the Joint Staff J3; Chief of Staff for the U.S. Joint Forces Command, Standing Joint Force Headquarters; and as the Strategy and Policy Director for U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa, U.S. Sixth Fleet.

A native of Albuquerque, N.M., Mr. Hood graduated from Tulane University with a degree in Electrical Engineering, and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. He was awarded the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 2019. While on active duty he was recognized as the Atlantic Fleet Helicopter Pilot of the Year in 1998. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, and multiple other medals and campaign ribbons.