

Douglas H. Wise
Deputy Director
Defense Intelligence Agency



Mr. Douglas H. Wise was named Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency in August 2014. In this capacity, he assists the Director's management of a workforce with more than 16,500 military and civilian employees worldwide and his leadership of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise organizations within the Intelligence Community and their stakeholders involved in creating, sustaining and enhancing mission capacity. He is on an Intelligence Community Joint Duty Assignment from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Mr. Wise has substantial leadership and operational experience across a broad spectrum of Intelligence Community issues. Following 20 years of active duty in the Army where he served as an infantry and special operations officer (including a 5-year detail to CIA), he has spent the remainder of his career at CIA. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree, and also graduated from the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Over the years Mr. Wise has worked with a large number of talented DIA officers and has consistently and strongly supported the DoD HUMINT mission through his field oversight of DIA operational elements. Mr. Wise brings to DIA leadership experience in integrating Intelligence Community components, including service as a senior leader in CIA's two largest multi-agency centers. Mr. Wise also served in the Pentagon with the National Reconnaissance Office as Director of Research and Development where he led a small team drawn from each of the NRO program offices that focused on developing future capabilities for overhead reconnaissance. Through years of close collaboration with DoD and DIA, he has seen first-hand how the White House, National Security Council, and the Combatant Commanders rely on the support and products that DIA uniquely provides.

Mr. Wise's bedrock leadership philosophy was forged during his time as a military officer; his experiences as a civilian leader and manager have complemented and refined that core philosophy. During his CIA career, he had the privilege of leading several of the Agency's most important components at Headquarters and in the field. In the course of eight field assignments, Mr. Wise served four times as a Chief of Station, including a tour in a war-zone location that was then the largest field station in the Agency's history. Mr. Wise was also the CIA's Chief of Operational Training where he supervised a joint cadre of CIA and DIA instructors. In addition to assignments in the Balkans, the Middle East, and East Asia, Mr. Wise has had multiple tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. Prior to his DIA assignment, Mr. Wise led a major CIA covert action program.

Mr. Wise earned Master's degrees from the Dartmouth College School of Arts and Sciences and from the Thayer School of Engineering, Hanover, New Hampshire. He also completed a post-graduate fellowship at one of the National Laboratories.

He is married to a former FBI Special Agent and has three grown sons.



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