

Office of the Director of National Intelligence



Joseph Weirsky

Acting Director, National Counterterrorism Center

Joe Weirsky serves as the Acting Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC). He brings nearly three decades of operational and intelligence experience from the U.S. Marine Corps and the Intelligence Community. In his current role, he guides the Center's efforts to analyze and integrate all intelligence related to terrorism and to drive whole-of-government strategic operational planning to protect the nation from terrorist threats.

Mr. Weirsky grew up in New Jersey where he enlisted into the Marine Corps and served for 26 years retiring in 2020 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. After attending boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina and graduating the School of Infantry, he served at Marine Barracks 8th & I, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, and then spent 15 years serving within the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. His military career spanned the Global War on Terror era with multiple deployments, multiple combat deployments, and other worldwide operations, for which he earned several personal and combat awards. After retiring from the Marine Corps, he spent 5 years in private industry, most recently serving as a Chief Operating Officer prior to joining NCTC.

Dedicating a significant portion of his career to military service, Mr. Weirsky specialized in counterterrorism and national security operations aimed at confronting the United States' most dangerous adversaries. Over the years, he played a key role in identifying emerging threats from hostile nations and non-state actors alike, contributing to strategic missions both at home and abroad. His expertise in combat operations, intelligence analysis, threat assessment, and operational leadership earned him recognition for his unwavering commitment to protecting the American people and safeguarding the homeland.

