

**Herb Strauss** serves as the Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Systems and Deputy Chief Information Officer of the Social Security Administration. He was appointed to office on August 26, 2013. In these roles, Mr. Strauss provides executive advocacy, leadership and strategic direction for development and alignment of SSA's information management and technology strategies, cyber security plans and IT standards, architectures and policy guidance. He works closely with the Deputy Commissioner for Systems and other executives across the SSA enterprise and governmentwide, to ensure that the agency's \$1.3 billion annual investment in IT systems, infrastructure, human capital and related capabilities are prudent, effective and transparent and that they support the agency's mission, strategic direction and comply with applicable laws and regulations.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Strauss garnered over 30 years of professional experience in leading and advising business and government organizations around the world. In commercial work, he specialized in IT industry research, management and technology consulting and development and delivery of enterprise IT and advanced operational technologies. Most recently, Mr. Strauss served as vice president and senior managing partner at the IT research and advisory firm Gartner Inc. There he led Gartner's IT consulting work, assisting clients of the United States Intelligence Community. Previously at Gartner, he served as research vice president and the firm's principal national security analyst supporting government IT research and industry analysis worldwide. Earlier, Mr. Strauss held executive and management positions with the American Express Company, Electronic Data Systems Corporation, American Management Systems Corporation and Robbins-Gioia Inc. —an Informa Plc. company.

Mr. Strauss began his career in government in 1970, as an enlisted Marine participating in the U.S. Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class program. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1974, and enjoyed a 20-year career as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. There, he specialized in infantry operations, intelligence, and R&D — specifically, the early identification, investment and application of advanced surveillance, reconnaissance, intelligence and communications technologies. Mr. Strauss served with operational forces worldwide, and in extended assignments with the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Central Intelligence, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency. He is a decorated combat veteran of the Persian Gulf War, where he served

with allied Special Forces in the Defense of Saudi Arabia and the Liberation of Kuwait (Desert Shield/Desert Storm). Mr. Strauss' last assignment with the Marine Corps was at Headquarters, serving as head of program planning and resources for the Marine Corps' C4ISR/IT/Telecommunications mission areas.

Mr. Strauss holds a Master of Business Administration and Master of Science degree in Information and Telecommunications Systems from the Johns Hopkins University. He is a military college graduate of Norwich University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government.

Mr. Strauss is married, and he and his wife (Peggy) reside in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Strauss is active in professional and civic activities and he serves as a member of the Dean's Alumni Advisory Board of the Carey Business School at The Johns Hopkins University.