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**CATHERINE JOHNSTON**

Director for IC ITE and Digital Transformation

Ms. Catherine Johnston was appointed Director for Intelligence Community Information Technology Enterprise (IC ITE) and Digital Transformation, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), in August 2015. She leverages the digital revolution, including best practices from the public and private sector, to improve all aspects of agency business processes and operations. Ms. Johnston also leads agency efforts to best capitalize on IC ITE capabilities by overseeing its adoption and corresponding shifts in agency culture, methods, and processes. Since 2013, she has co-chaired the IC ITE Mission Users Group.



Previously, beginning in October 2012, Ms. Johnston served as DIA's Director for Analysis (DI). In this role she led DIA's all-source analytic effort and was responsible for producing national Defense Intelligence to develop and execute the National Security Strategy. As DI, she was the Functional Manager for All-Source Analysis for the Defense Intelligence Enterprise, which includes DIA, the services, and the combatant commands.

From January 2011 to September 2012, Ms. Johnston served as National Intelligence Manager– East Asia in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), where she oversaw and led the Intelligence Community's efforts on East Asia. Prior to assuming her position at ODNI, she was Asia Mission Manager in the Directorate for Science and Technology at the Central Intelligence Agency.

She began her analytic career at DIA as a China-East Asia analyst and was a DIA analyst for 15 years. She oversaw a wide range of concerns, including force modernization, strategic issues, weapons of mass destruction, and multinational proliferation activities. She later served as Senior Defense Expert for China-East Asia and was the Asia substantive expert for the Agency. She developed an integrated China program that orchestrated activity across the Department of Defense analytic community, was the focal point for regional analytic support during operations in Afghanistan, and served on crisis support teams during Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Princeton University in East Asian Studies and her master's degree from the University of Michigan in Chinese Studies. She attended the Middlebury College Summer Intensive Chinese Language School and the Taiwan Normal University Summer Intensive Language Program. Her honors include the Defense Intelligence Directors Award, the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award, and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

Ms. Johnston was born in Taiwan and lived in the region for 13 years. She speaks Mandarin Chinese and French and is certified as a Chemical Weapons Convention Inspector. She also is an accomplished lyric soprano and enjoys finishing triathlons. She is married to Wes and has two daughters.

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