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## Mr. Paul J. Sturm

Mr. Paul Sturm is a member of the Senior Executive Service and is the deputy director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) Transition, Office of the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Agency (JIDA) responsible for all defense agency-combat support agency transition activities.

Mr. Sturm was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1973. His initial active duty assignments included tactical assignments with XVIII Airborne Corps and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He spent the next 29 years in the active and reserve components including tactical infantry and armor officer assignments with the 157<sup>th</sup> Separate Infantry Brigade (Mechanized); as the operations officer, executive officer and commander, 6th Battalion, 68th Armor; then operations officer and executive officer, 157<sup>th</sup> Separate Infantry Brigade (Mechanized); and non-tactical assignments as the deputy chief of staff, information management for the 77th Regional Support Command; the operations officer of the 78th Division (Multi-component-Training); the director of reserve component mobilization, U.S. Joint Forces Command; and the deputy director of mobilization, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (Reserve Affairs). He retired from the military as a colonel in 2006. In 2003, Mr. Sturm also completed a twenty year career with AT&T, culminating with a position as director, Government Services.

Mr. Sturm holds a master's degree in business administration from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia; executive management certificates from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, the Senior Executive Fellows Program, the Kennedy School, Harvard University, and the Executive Education Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has attended and completed the courses of instruction for U.S. Army Officer Basic and Advanced Courses including the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Armor Officer Advanced Course, and the Command and General Staff College.

His awards include: for civilian service, the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award; and for military service, the Defense Superior Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (6th Award); National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device; Parachutist Badge – United States; Parachutist Badge – Great Britain; and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.

Mr. Sturm has been with JIEDDO since 2006 in various leadership roles within its Counter-IED Operations/Intelligence Integration Center.