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**NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INTELLIGENCE STAFF JOINS ODNI**

Lt. Gen. John F. “Jeff” Kimmons has joined the Office of the Director of National Intelligence as director of the intelligence staff. He arrived Feb. 28 from the Pentagon, where he served as the deputy chief of staff, G-2 -- the top intelligence officer on the U.S. Army Staff.

Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair noted that Kimmons brings a reputation for outstanding leadership and collegiality to his new position.

“Jeff Kimmons has a wealth of experience and a keen appreciation of the need for insightful intelligence to support the national security decision-making process. I look to him to help strengthen the ODNI and our Intelligence Community as we face new challenges,” Blair said.

The director of the intelligence staff is the third ranking official within the ODNI and oversees the staff to ensure the effective integration and coordination of policy and procedures across the Intelligence Community.

Lt. Gen. Kimmons’ command assignments include commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Ft. Belvoir, Va., and commander, 519<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

His other senior intelligence leadership assignments include duty with the U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Fla., as the director for intelligence; deputy director for operations, National Military Command Center, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C., and at Ft. Bragg as the director of intelligence, Joint Special Operations Command. Lt. Gen. Kimmons also served as an intelligence officer with the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA at Ft. Bragg.

Lt. Gen. Kimmons holds a Bachelor of Arts in history from The Citadel and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Lt. Gen. Kimmons succeeds Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess, Jr. recently appointed the 17<sup>th</sup> Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

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