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Mr. Cooke serves as the Director of the U.S. Army Evaluation Center (AEC), part of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC). He is responsible for the synchronization, integration, and coordination of evaluations of joint weapon systems, where the Army is the DOD executive agent, and of all Army systems. In addition, he is responsible for test design, strategic planning, and the development of methodologies critical to the evaluation of Army and Joint weapon systems.

Mr. Cooke is a West Point graduate, a distinguished honor graduate from the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, an honor graduate from the Command and General Staff College, a graduate of the U.S. Army Comptrollership School, a Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Army Logistics Management Program, a graduate of the Army Program Manager course at the Defense Systems Management College, and a graduate of both the Air War College (Correspondence) and the Army War College. He has held military secondary skill identifiers in comptroller, intelligence, engineering, and operations research/systems analysis, and has academic degrees in engineering, general science, and mathematics. He spent nearly 25 years in the military as an airborne and ranger qualified infantry officer and held command and staff positions from platoon through brigade and on COCOM (CINCLANT), Army, Joint, and OSD staffs.



Prior to his current position, Mr. Cooke served as the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for Test and Evaluation (T&E), where he provided oversight of all T&E capabilities for Major Army Acquisition Category I and II programs and for all Department of Defense Chemical and Biological Defense Program activities. He was the integrator of strategic change and primary agent for the Secretary of the Army to coordinate T&E positions on issues and reports with the other Military departments, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, and Congress. Mr. Cooke was also responsible for oversight of the T&E Enterprise and Test Ranges; development of the Army T&E Strategic Plan; all Army T&E regulations and policies; and the resources and funding for labor, infrastructure, instrumentation, and test-related models and simulations throughout the Army T&E Enterprise. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Cooke was assigned the temporary duty as Director, United States Forces-Iraq (USF-I), Office of Security Cooperation (OSCI), Transition Team from November 2010 – August 2011. He and his joint team planned the establishment of the largest Office of Security Cooperation in the world.

Mr. Cooke was the Army's Director for Models and Simulations under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G-3/5/7 from 2007 – 2009. He was responsible for strategic oversight of all Army M&S programs and developments in order to create unity of effort and purpose. He was also the functional proponent and Branch Head for Modeling and Simulation, which encompassed over 400 officers and 1000 civilians. From 2006-2007, Mr. Cooke was the Director of Army Battle Command/LandWarNet. He served as the Special Assistant for Systems and Director for Analysis on the Army Secretariat Staff from 2002 – 2006. From 1995-2002, Mr. Cooke served in the Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He was responsible for leading analysis of major Army programs and portfolio investment analysis across all Army program and budget lines with direct responsibility for weapons and tracked combat vehicles, missiles, and the Army's testing and analysis funding. Mr. Cooke served as the Director of the Joint Staff J8 Resources and Joint Planning Division and the Chief of Analysis for the J8 from 1993-1995.