



Biography

Department of the Army



Robert E. Stone

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Mr. Robert E. Stone was appointed as the U.S. Army Operational Test Command (USAOTC) Executive Director in October 2022. There he oversees USAOTC's mission of operational test planning, execution, analysis and reporting for the Army. Additionally, he is responsible for leading the development of technical instrumentation, integration of digital engineering, and assurance of technical rigor across the Command, as well as performing strategic planning, innovation development and business model process improvements. He ensures that operational tests performed as part of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) provide accurate and relevant information to inform Army and Office of the Secretary of Defense senior leaders on weapons systems safety and performance of their intended operational missions.

Mr. Stone formerly served as the Executive Director of White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) from April 2021 to October 2022; it was there he entered the Senior Executive Service in October 2021. In this capacity, he served as Deputy to the WSMR Commanding General and Executive Director to the ATEC Deputy Commanding General for Developmental Testing (DCG-DT). He was responsible for oversight of the Army's largest test range, comprising a diverse organization of over 850 Civilians and 700 Contractors as well as an array of Joint Service partners, Special Operations Forces, and other Government organizations. In his support of the ATEC DCG-DT he led integration and synchronization efforts across ATEC's 6 Developmental Test Centers supporting key technical and qualification testing of Department of Defense (DoD) weapon systems.

Prior to his service at WSMR, Mr. Stone was selected as the Technical Director of Redstone Test Center, Redstone Arsenal, AL in September 2017. There he led the overall technical test mission of the organization for Army aircraft, small missiles and sensor systems. He was responsible for the safety and standardization programs across the Center, as well as strategic planning and business management for a fully reimbursable organization comprising 350 Civilian, 900 Contractor and 30 Soldiers.

Mr. Stone entered Federal service in May 2000 at the U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center (ATTC), Fort Rucker, AL where he supported and led testing of a broad range of Army manned and unmanned aviation aircraft and associated systems in both engineering and leadership roles. Prior to his Federal service, Mr. Stone was a defense contractor whose primary focus was developing all digital simulations and hardware in the loop laboratories for a variety of Army missile systems, including Ground Based Interceptor, Patriot, THAAD and Hellfire programs.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- 2022-Present: Executive Director, Operational Test Command, Fort Cavazos, TX
- 2021-2022: Executive Director, White Sands Missile Range, NM.
- 2017-2021: Technical Director, Redstone Test Center, Redstone Arsenal, AL.
- 2010-2017: Lead Aviation Technologist, Redstone Test Center, Redstone Arsenal, AL.
- 2002-2010: Flight Test Engineer; Chief of Systems Test Division; Chief of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Division, Aviation Technical Test Center, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2000-2002: Lead Data Engineer, Aviation Technical Test Center, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 1986-2000: Defense Contractor, Missile Systems M&S/HWIL focus.

EDUCATION:

- BS, Electrical Engineering, Auburn University, 1985

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Army Acquisition Corps, Level III

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Superior Civilian Service Award
- Commander's Award for Civilian Service
- Army Modeling and Simulation Award