



BIOGRAPHY DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES H. ADAMS, USMC

Director

Lieutenant General James H. Adams, United States Marine Corps, serves as the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). As the Department of War's primary military intelligence authority, Lieutenant General Adams leads a 16,500-member workforce in delivering critical intelligence support to senior decision-makers, combatant commands, and operational forces across the globe.

Prior to assuming his role at DIA, Lieutenant General Adams served as the Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources. His General Officer assignments include Director of Capability Development, Headquarters Marine Corps; and Deputy Director of Requirements and Capability Development, Joint Staff J-8.

Lieutenant General Adams has flown more than 3,300 hours in the AH-1, including over 300 combat flight hours. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal.

Lieutenant General Adams graduated from the Naval Academy in 1991 with a B.S. in Computer Science. In 2010, he earned a M.S. in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. In 2016, he completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

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