

DR. BARBARA C. JACKSON

Chief Technology Officer/ Deputy CIO for IT STRATEGY, POLICY & GOVERNANCE



Dr. Barbara C. Jackson is the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) and Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) for IT Strategy, Policy, & Governance at the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA). She is the primary advisor to the DCSA CIO in the areas of IT strategy and plans, governance, and service delivery. Barbara also serves as the co-chair of the Federal CTO Council and oversees the principal interagency forum comprised of technology and innovation thought leaders from across Federal Government. Prior to her current role, Dr. Jackson served as the agency's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). She oversaw the Assessment and Authorization and Test and Evaluation Programs ensuring system compliance with Department of Defense (DoD) cybersecurity policies and regulations. Prior to joining the agency in 2008, Dr. Jackson was assigned to the Secretary of Defense (SecDef) Communications Office as the Assessment and Authorization Program Manager. During her tenure, she provided oversight for the systems security and cyber workforce training programs.

Dr. Jackson served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Signal Corps. She has worked in leadership positions at the tactical, operational, and strategic-level. She began her military career as an Army ROTC Gold Bar Recruiter for Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond University, Longwood University, and Randolph-Macon College. She was later stationed at Fort Bliss, TX where she served as the Senior Communications Advisor to the 5/52 Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Battalion – 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. She also served as the Joint Communications Planner – ADA Joint Task Force, Southwest Asia and oversaw tactical communication networks across Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Kuwait. Dr. Jackson subsequently returned to Northern VA and served as the J6/G6 Chief Information Security Advisor to the Commanding General – District of Columbia National Guard. As the recipient of several military awards and decorations, she was inducted and presented the prestigious Honorable Order of Saint Barbara medallion by the United States Army Air Defense Artillery Association.

Dr. Jackson was a distinguished military graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. She completed the CISO Certification Program and earned a Master of Science degree in Global Strategic Leadership with a concentration in Cybersecurity from the National Defense University. As a DoD/National Security Agency Cybersecurity Program Scholar, Dr. Jackson completed her Doctor of Science degree in Cybersecurity from Capitol Technology University. She is a National Board of Operations Committee Chair for the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) and a member of the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN). Dr. Jackson is a certified Leadership and Performance Coach through the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and she received her Associate Certified Coach credential from the International Coaching Federation.

Dr. Jackson resides in Stafford, VA with her daughters, Jordyn and Jamie, and son, Brayden.

Updated: June 2022