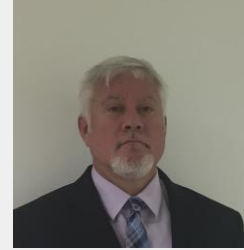


## **BIOGRAPHY**

**Mr. Michael W. Barnes**

Director, Missile Defense and Defeat Policy



### **CURRENT ASSIGNMENT:**

Mr. Barnes is the Director of the Missile Defense and Defeat Policy office in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. His duties include formulating national security policies and defense plans for missile defense. In this capacity, he is responsible for developing, implementing and integrating positions regarding missile defense/defeat policy, force development, and security cooperation with foreign governments and their military establishments.

### **PAST EXPERIENCE:**

Government Experience:

From 2013 – 2021, Mr. Barnes served as a Senior Missile Defense Policy Advisor in the Missile Defense Policy Office (becoming the Deputy Director of the office in 2018). In this capacity he primarily worked the Europe/NATO portfolio.

From 2007-2013, Mr. Barnes served as Country Director for Russia in OUSDP. He was responsible for formulating and implementing defense policies and plans regarding the Department's relationship with Russia. He was responsible for a broad portfolio of issues involving Russia. One notable issue in his portfolio was missile defense cooperation with Russia.

Military Experience:

From 1987 to 2007, Mr. Barnes served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. As an Officer of Marines, he served in a variety of billets: artillery officer including a combat tour during DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM and as the Marine Attaché in Kyiv, Ukraine from 2002 to 2005.

Education:

M.A., Naval Postgraduate School, National Security Affairs; B.A., University of Texas at Arlington, Russian Language and Soviet Area Studies; Defense Language Institute, Russian; Senior Fellow, George C. Marshall Center

Personal: Mr. Barnes is married to the former Eva McClellan of Arlington, Texas. They have two children, Brian, 28, and Lauren, 22.