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Dr. Jonathan Schroden is the Director of CNA's Center for Stability and Development (CSD), whose mission is to support decision-makers charged with planning, conducting, and assessing/evaluating prevention, stability, and development operations with objective analysis grounded in an understanding of operations. Specifically, CSD focuses on:

- Development and assessment of foreign security forces (e.g., security cooperation, security force assistance, foreign internal defense, building partner capacity)
- Conflict prevention, crisis response, and post-conflict reconstruction efforts
- Terrorism and counterterrorism, insurgency and counterinsurgency, political, unconventional, and information warfare, and stability operations
- Assessment, monitoring, and evaluation of security sector programs

Dr. Schroden also directs CNA's Special Operations Program, which focuses on bringing CNA's "full spectrum" research and analysis capabilities to bear on the most complex and challenging issues facing special operations forces (SOF) today and in the future.

Dr. Schroden has been with CNA since 2003, during which time he has deployed or traveled 13 times to Afghanistan (twice at the request of the Commander, ISAF and once at the request of the Commander, CSTC-A) and twice to Al Anbar, Iraq; traveled throughout the Middle East; gotten underway with numerous Navy ships; and supported Hurricane Katrina disaster relief operations. Jonathan has served as a strategic advisor to the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Multi-National Force – West in Iraq, US Central Command, and the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. He also served as CNA's first interim field representative to Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command. Most recently, Jonathan directed CNA's assessment of the Trump Administration's South Asia Strategy and an independent review of the US Marine Corps' force design efforts. Schroden is also an adjunct professor at George Washington University where he lectures on military power and effectiveness.

Schroden holds PhD and MS degrees from Cornell University and BS degrees from the University of Minnesota – Duluth. His decorations include CNA's Phil E. DePoy Award for Analytic Excellence and the Cornell University Tunis Wentink Award. He has published in academic journals such as *Defense and Security Analysis*, the *Naval War College Review*, the *Journal of Strategic Studies*, the *Armed Forces Journal*, and the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. He has published online in venues such as *War on the Rocks*, *Lawfare*, *The National Interest*, and the *Small Wars Journal*. He is also a frequent commentator on television (e.g., Indus News, France 24), radio (e.g., BBC NewsHour, NPR's Here and Now), podcasts (e.g., WarCast, PopularFront), and print (e.g., *The New York Times*, *The Diplomat*, *Financial Times*, *Politico*, *Stars and Stripes*, *Voice of America*, *Reuters*, *Associated Press*, *al-Monitor*, *Military Times*, *Yahoo! News*). You can follow Jonathan on Twitter (@jjschroden) and LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com/in/jonathanschroden).