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Molly Solsbury is an Army Intelligence lieutenant colonel who served most recently as the J2 for the Special Operations Joint Task Force in Kabul, Afghanistan. She has spent over 20 years on active duty in roles ranging from intelligence and policy, to defending against emerging threat technologies, to research and development.

Molly participated in multiple campaigns in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, and North Africa. Most notably, she served as the



Senior Intelligence Officer of the initial Special Operations Task Force in Iraq established to push back Shia proxy groups and their Iranian sponsors, as well as several high-profile hostage rescue missions within the Middle East. She served multiple tours within the Joint Special Operations Command, the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and various Special Mission Units, commanding intel formations and serving as the Senior Intelligence Officer at every echelon.

From 2014-2016, Molly served on the National Security Council as a Director for Counterterrorism. While there, she worked on some of our Nation's most challenging policy issues within Syria, Iraq, and Turkey, and successfully coordinated the development and implementation of the Global ISIS Strategy across the U.S. interagency.

In more recent years, Molly has undertaken the role of countering emerging adversary technologies. As the Director of JSOCx, Molly onboarded a Chief Technologist from the commercial sector and worked aggressively to pursue the right organizational framework to support rapid research, development, testing, and evaluation within the Command. She is passionate about supporting DOD efforts to accelerate the kill chain by improving our use of data and embracing the scalable cloud technologies.

Molly holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Sociology from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, and a Master of Science degree in Strategic Analysis from the National Intelligence University in Washington DC. She currently serves as a National Security Fellow at the MIT Lincoln Lab where she is working closely with SOCOM, USASOC, Army Futures Command, the 18th Airborne Corps, DA G2, the Army's Talent Management Task Force, and ARCYBER to fully leverage the capabilities of the Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC).