

**Mr. David S. Burdick**  
**Chief of Staff**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (Theater)**  
**U.S. Army NETCOM**

Mr. David S. (Dave) Burdick was assigned as the first civilian Chief of Staff of U.S. Army NETCOM's 7<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (Theater) on 1 August 2021. In this role, he is responsible for orchestrating and synchronizing split-based staff operations supporting the integration, security, and defense of Army networks in the continental United States. Mr. Burdick comes to 7<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (Theater) from NASA Headquarters, where he served as the Director of Support Services (2018-2021). Before joining NASA, Mr. Burdick was the Director of Logistics at the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Inspector General (2015-2018), and the Deputy Director of the Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2011-2015).

Mr. Burdick began his career as an Army Field Artillery officer, transitioning to Federal civil service after the first Gulf War. Over the past 35 years, he has developed vast knowledge and expertise in antiterrorism, force protection, homeland security, emergency management, and installation operations while serving in numerous leadership positions at Army installations in Germany. After the 9/11 attacks, Mr. Burdick joined the Army Management Staff College at Fort Belvoir, Virginia as a Professor of Installation Management (2002-2011), where he developed and taught antiterrorism/force protection and installation operations curriculum. He helped design, and then served as the program manager for, the Installation Force Protection Exercise Program, a unique training/team building opportunity for Army garrison commanders and staffs to learn how to respond effectively under stress to all-hazard contingency events.

During a sabbatical from the college (2004-2007), Mr. Burdick became the first Chief of Current Operations at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command in Arlington, Virginia, coordinating the command's support operations in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. After returning to the college, Mr. Burdick was an observer/controller for Trinidad and Tobago's Exercise Scarlett Ibis (2008), and later trained the Office of Domestic Preparedness (their FEMA) Emergency Operations Center team, as their country hosted the 2009 Summit of the Americas.

Mr. Burdick is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Brigham Young University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He also received a Master of Arts degree in homeland security from the Naval Postgraduate School, as the first DoD civil servant selected to attend this program. Mr. Burdick is the recipient of the Army's Superior Civilian Service Award, the Commander's Award for Civilian Service (with two laurel leaves), and the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.