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Biography

Michael P. Dempsey is a Non-Resident Fellow with a focus on international security and geopolitics. Michael is also Northrop Grumman’s corporate vice president of strategy and development for space, cyber, and intelligence. He served as the acting director of national intelligence in 2017. Prior to that, he was the deputy director of national intelligence for integration from 2014–2016, where he served as President Obama’s primary intelligence briefer and represented the intelligence community in White House policy meetings and congressional testimony. He previously served as deputy CIA representative to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and director of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the National Security Council. He began his career with the CIA in 1990, and served in a number of analytical, senior staff, and leadership positions throughout his career, including director of the Office of Transnational Issues, director of the Office of African, Latin America, and Global Issues, and deputy associate director of CIA for military affairs. Prior to joining the CIA, he served as an artillery officer in the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division. Dempsey has received the Presidential Rank Award, the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Award, CIA’s Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal, the Intelligence Community’s Seal Medallion, and the U.S. Army’s Meritorious Service Medal. His analysis on international affairs and leadership has been published broadly, including in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Wired Magazine, Bloomberg, and The Harvard Business Review. He is a member of The Council on Foreign Relations and is on the board of the National Security Space Association. He earned a master of international public policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, a master of diplomatic history from the University of New York at Albany, and a bachelor of arts in history from Siena College.

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