

## Closing Remarks and Event Moderator

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As Technology Development Advisor at the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), Steve Spehn supports the development and execution of technology-focused Joint Rapid Acquisition Programs, including Joint Capability Technology Demonstrations (JCTDs), Concepts & Capabilities (C&C) Projects, Defense Innovation Acceleration (DIA) Projects, Coalition Warfare Program (CWP) projects, and Warfighting Laboratory Incentive Fund (WLIF) projects.

Before taking this position, Mr. Spehn provided operational, analytical, and technical support to USEUCOM's Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) process and its Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Program. Before that, he served over 22 years as a Marine Corps helicopter pilot, with his final tour as the Deputy Chief of Current Operations at USEUCOM.

After being in Stuttgart as part of the USEUCOM HQ staff from May 1998 through June 2010, Mr. Spehn moved to Huntsville, AL, where he currently serves as the USEUCOM Liaison to the technology development community there, including the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). During a sabbatical from his government duties, he served as the Chief Technology Officer for the Von Braun Center for Science & Innovation (VCSI).

In May 2023, Mr. Spehn marked 25 years of continuous service to USEUCOM: 4 years on active duty, 2 years as an embedded SETA contractor, and over 19 years as Deputy Science Advisor.

Mr. Spehn has a B.S. in Physics from the United States Naval Academy, where he was a Trident Scholar and Burke (Equivalent) Scholar. He has an M.S. in Electrical Engineering and the Degree of Electrical Engineer with Distinction from the Naval Postgraduate School.

