Jason Dechant Receives 2022 Goodpaster Award for Excellence in Research

ALEXANDRIA, VA (May 2023) – Jason Dechant, research staff member in the Strategy, Forces and Resources Division at one of the three federally funded research and development centers operated by IDA, is the recipient of the 2022 Goodpaster Award for Excellence in Research.

The award is named in honor of retired U.S. Army Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, IDA's president from 1983 to 1985. Each year, the award is presented in recognition of research excellence, exceptional analytic achievement and intellectual leadership.

"Jason joined IDA in 2000 and has become a sought-after expert who has achieved true impact, within IDA and across a range of sponsors, on a wide range of topics including strategic planning, defense resource management, risk analysis methods, and operational planning and analysis," says IDA President Norty Schwartz. "He is an excellent research and portfolio leader and leads by example as a dedicated researcher who commits significant time and energy to mentoring his colleagues."

Dechant actively seeks opportunities to contribute across IDA. He is a trusted researcher and leads the organizational effectiveness research portfolio. In that capacity, he has developed methods and led examination of Department of Defense governance and components. In doing so, Dechant interacts with and advises some of the senior-most leadership in the department. He performs a similar function for the Defense Institution Building program where he has worked on projects to build institutional capacity in Saudi Arabia and Indonesia.

"It is an honor to receive the Goodpaster Award and join a distinguished group of recipients who have made such significant contributions to national security through their research," says Dechant.

Dechant earned a bachelor's in political science from Kansas State University in 1997, a master's in diplomacy and international commerce from the University of Kentucky in 1999 and a doctorate in public policy from George Mason University in 2013.

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