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Schwartz Picked to Lead IDA

ALEXANDRIA, VA (July 2019) – Retired U.S. Air Force Gen. Norton Schwartz will be the next president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Defense Analyses.

In a unanimous vote, IDA's Board of Trustees elected Schwartz to succeed Dr. David S.C. Chu as the company's top executive beginning January 2020.

"A thoughtful user of analytic results in making decisions," characterized IDA Board of Trustees Chair, Preston M. "Pete" Geren, "Gen. Schwartz was and remains keenly aware of IDA's contributions to national security. He will bring his considerable leadership talent to the benefit of our organization."

Schwartz joined the IDA Board in 2013 with over four decades of national security experience. Having commanded units at virtually every level, he last served as the 19th U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff until his retirement in 2012.

Most recently, Schwartz served as President of Business Executives for National Security for the last six years.

Chu is retiring after 10 years directing IDA's extensive national security and science policy research portfolio; and more than 50 years of public and private service to the Nation.

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