Jason Greer Receives Prestigious Award for Extraordinary Contributions to IDA

ALEXANDRIA, VA (April 2020) – Jason Greer received the 2019 W.Y. Smith Award for Excellence in recognition of his contributions to the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA).

"Jason is a complete professional who is respected by everyone with whom he interfaces," said IDA President and CEO Norton A. Schwartz. "He is forward-looking from a technology perspective; he is willing to tackle the most difficult, complex problems; he comes up with elegant, workable solutions in a short period of time; and he freely mentors and shares best techniques and methods with other software developers."

Named in honor of General William Y. Smith, who served as IDA president from 1985 through 1990, the award recognizes extraordinary individual or group contributions to IDA from non-research staff members who contribute to IDA's success.

"I am honored to be recognized with this award and look forward to continuing development of various innovative solutions that support individuals across the organization," said Greer.

As a senior programmer/analyst in IDA's Information Technology and Security Directorate, Greer partners closely with users to fully understand their business challenges and develops creative, user-friendly solutions to address their requirements. He has created novel, effective solutions to automate some of IDA's most cumbersome, paper-driven processes.

Several years ago, he created the IDA Central Research Program (CRP) System to track IDA's internal, company-sponsored research projects. He also built the Task Fact Sheet application, which supports IDA leadership by capturing important project data.

Greer earned his bachelor's degree in computer science from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2007.

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