



Implementing DoD's Biodefense Posture Review

CBRN Fall Quarterly Forum

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Agenda

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Registration**
Lobby, NDIA Headquarters
- 10:00 – 10:15 am **Opening Remarks**
Eisenhower, NDIA Headquarters
Charles Janney
Director of Business Development, Kalman & Company, Inc.
CBRN Division Vice Chair, NDIA
- 10:15 – 10:35 am **Summary of UK National Biological Security Strategy**
Eisenhower, NDIA Headquarters
Thamar Main, USA (Ret)
Technical Project Manager, ARServices Limited
Moderator
John Moffat
Minister Counsellor for Defence Policy and Nuclear, UK Embassy
- 10:35 – 11:00 am **Implementing DoD's Biodefense Posture Review**
Eisenhower NDIA Headquarters
Thamar Main, USA (Ret)
Technical Project Manager, ARServices Limited
Moderator
Dr. Brandi Vann
Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs (ASD(NCB))
The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs (PDASD(NCB)), U.S. Department of Defense
- 11:00 – 11:45 am **Discussion and Q&A**
Eisenhower, NDIA Headquarters
- 11:45 am – 12:00 pm **Closing Remarks**
Eisenhower, NDIA Headquarters
Charles Janney
Director of Business Development, Kalman & Company, Inc.
CBRN Division Vice Chair, NDIA
- 12:00 – 12:30 pm **Networking**

Biographies



Dr. Brandi Vann

Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs (ASD(NCB))
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs (PDASD(NCB))

Dr. Brandi Vann is Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs (ASD(NCB)) and is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs (PDASD(NCB)). In this capacity, Dr. Vann supports the Assistant Secretary of Defense in the role of the principal advisor to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment on nuclear weapons, nuclear energy, chemical and biological defense programs, chemical demilitarization, and treaty management. She holds leadership, management, and advisory responsibility for the following offices: Chemical and Biological Defense; Nuclear Matters; Threat Reduction and Arms Control; and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. She also serves in this capacity as the Executive Director of the Biodefense- and Nuclear Weapons Councils.

From September 2019 to January 2021, Dr. Vann served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense

where she led the Department's efforts to develop capabilities to prepare for and defend against chemical and biological threat agents. Activities included a full suite of research, development, and acquisition of chemical and biological defense capabilities from concept and requirements development, through early science and technology, to advanced development, testing, evaluation, and procurement.

Previously, Dr. Vann held positions at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), leading efforts for characterization of and medical countermeasure development of advanced and emerging chemical and biological threats, as a Visiting Scientist at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and as Director of Laboratories at Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation.

As a career member of the Senior Executive Service, she was awarded the 2023 Meritorious Presidential Rank Award. Dr. Vann received her PhD in chemistry from the University of South Carolina where she studied analytical chemistry and applied statistics.



John Moffat

Minister Counsellor for Defence Policy and Nuclear, UK Embassy

John Moffat was appointed Minister Counsellor for Defence Policy and Nuclear in the British Embassy in Washington D.C. in August 2022, bringing

over fifteen years of experience of defence and national security. John returns to Defence after a stint working in the Cabinet Office National Security Secretariat, working on nuclear issues to support the National Security Adviser.

John's most recent role in Defence was over three years as the Chief of the Staff to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) Permanent Secretary, working for David Williams, and prior to that Sir Stephen Lovegrove. In this role he was heavily involved in issues such as the MOD's response to the

pandemic, the MOD's participation in the 2020-2021 Spending Review settlement and Integrated Review, and nuclear policy.

After starting his MOD career in 2005 as an intelligence analyst, John moved into a number of regional policy roles, spanning the Gulf, Indo-Asia Pacific and most recently Africa, where he was the Assistant Head for Africa operational policy from 2015-2017. Alongside this, he has worked in several corporate and project management roles, including Armed Forces personnel policy, defence exports, and large-scale Defence change programmes.

John has an MSc in international relations from the London School of Economics and completed the NATO Defence College Senior Course in 2013.

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