



Timothy J. Collins
Chief Government Relations Officer



Dr. Timothy J. Collins became the inaugural Chief Government Relations Officer of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory on February 10, 2014. In this role, Dr. Collins oversees comprehensive governmental relations across the entire portfolio. As the nation's largest University Affiliated Research Center, APL performs research and development on behalf of the Department of Defense, the intelligence community, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other federal agencies. The Laboratory has more than 5,000 staff members who are making critical contributions to a wide variety of nationally and globally significant technical and scientific challenges.

Prior to his current appointment, Dr. Collins served as APL's Mission Area Executive heading up all aspects of the precision engagement engineering and science and technology portfolio providing advice and counsel to senior government officials and handling matters in the application of emerging technology for enhancing national security. He has led many Laboratory initiatives and is a member of the prestigious Principal Professional Staff.

Before joining the Laboratory in 2005, Dr. Collins served as a senior officer in the United States Air Force across Asia, Europe, and the United States, including command of operational combat forces at the flight, squadron, group, and wing levels. He has more than 3,500 flying hours, including over 260 combat hours, as a command pilot in a variety of unmanned and manned fighter, tanker, reconnaissance, and command and control aircraft. He continues to serve as an adjunct faculty member and as an FAA-certified flight instructor.

Dr. Collins has extensive military aviation experience in the T-37, A/T-38, T-41, A-10, E-3B/C, F-16A/B/C/D, KC-10, RQ-4A, and U-2 aircraft. He has flown numerous General Aviation sailplanes and airplanes and holds a Boeing-707/720 aircraft type rating. He is a U.S. Air Force Command Pilot and military parachutist and is credentialed as a Board President for aviation Safety Investigation Boards and Accident Investigation Boards.

Military honors for him include Air Medals, Aerial Achievement Medals, Aircrew Safety Award of Distinction, Bronze Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legions of Merit, and the Purple Heart.

His educational experiences include course work at Columbia University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Indiana University-Purdue University, FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, Air War College, and the Army Command and General Staff College.

Dr. Collins earned an Associate of Science degree from Georgia Military College, a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Air Force Academy, a Master of Aeronautical Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a Master of Science degree from the National War College, and a Doctor of Education degree from Benedictine University.