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## Mr. Ryan Samuelson

**Executive Director, Transportation Engineering Agency** 

Mr. Ryan R. Samuelson, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is dual-hatted as the Director of the USTRANSCOM Joint Distribution Process Analysis Center (JDPAC) and Executive Director of the SDDC Transportation Engineering Agency (TEA).

In his role as the Director, JDPAC, Mr. Samuelson develops a strategy to analytically support the broad needs of USTRANSCOM, the Component Commands, Combatant Commands and the Services. He directs a joint team of analysts, engineers, transportation specialists, and computer scientists that includes Air Mobility Command Directorate of Analyses, Assessments and Lessons Learned (A9) as well as SDDCTEA to provide assessments of future transportation capabilities, joint analysis to inform mobility programmatic decisions, and analytically driven deployment and distribution courses of action to move and sustain the joint force.



As the TEA Executive Director, Mr. Samuelson is designated as executive-level representative for the Department of Defense (DoD) on all transportation engineering matters for common-user transportation infrastructure and capabilities. Additionally, he manages the DoD Engineering for Transportability Program to ensure military equipment can be securely and safely transported on all modes of transportation. Mr. Samuelson also serves as the Special Assistant for Transportation Engineering to implement DOD policy guidance for highway, railroad, and ports for national defense programs

Prior to his current position, Mr. Samuelson was employed as a senior executive at an engineering firm in Dayton, Ohio specializing in advanced navigation systems. Mr. Samuelson retired from the US Air Force in 2022 as a brigadier general as a command and private pilot with over 2,150 flight hours in air refueling and combat aircraft to include the KC-135R/RT, E-8, B-1B, B-52H, C-130H, C-21, T-1 and T-37B.

He has served as a commander at the squadron, group, and wing levels and deployed as the Director of the CENTCOM Deployment and Distribution Operations Center for operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa. Mr. Samuelson also served as the executive officer to the Commander, U.S. Transportation Command.

Mr. Samuelson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Purdue University, a Master of Arts degree in Business Administration from Webster University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Air War College. Mr Samuelson is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, Army Command and General Staff College, and the Air War College. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), Legion of Merit (2 oak leaf cluster), and Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

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