



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (OSD)
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
FOR
CLAYTON M. FULLER**

Mr. Fuller is awarded the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Award for Outstanding Achievement for his exemplary performance as Action Officer for North and West Africa and Russia Counterterrorism Policy and the National Strategy for Counterterrorism, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism (SOCT), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD) for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC), during the period January 2019 through August 2019. While serving in this capacity, Mr. Fuller has demonstrated exemplary leadership, commitment, and managerial ability in executing his duties and in providing trusted counsel to DoD senior leaders on our Nation's most sensitive special operations policy.

Mr. Fuller has been instrumental to the success of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy's counterterrorism mission. He spearheaded OUSD-Policy's role in the development of the Strategic Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Counterterrorism. Through his analysis and collaboration across Policy, the Joint Staff, members of the Intelligence Community, and numerous departments and agencies, he helped to establish prudent measures to implement U.S. Government counterterrorism policies.

As the Counterterrorism Policy lead for North and West Africa, Mr. Fuller expertly managed all aspects of counterterrorism policy for ASD SO/LIC. His in-depth knowledge of counterterrorism operations was crucial to the development, coordination and briefing of strategic-level policies within the U.S. government. He provided policy oversight to multiple U.S. counterterrorism efforts in the North and West Africa on select SOCOM activities. Additionally, Mr. Fuller skillfully led and coordinated all aspects of DoD and Inter-Agency read-ahead briefs and information memorandums pertaining to his portfolio in order to prepare ASD SO/LIC, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Secretary of Defense for key White House and Congressional engagements.

Mr. Fuller tirelessly planned, coordinated, and executed overseas trips for DASD SOCT to West Africa, where he was accompanied by the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs and the Special Assistant to the President for Counterterrorism, and to South America. He set up key engagements with deployed U.S. military counterterrorism commands, U.S. Ambassadors, key Embassy staff, and host nation partners. His efforts greatly increased decision-makers' awareness of counterterrorism efforts and requirements overseas, and facilitated key policy discussions for future initiatives.

Mr. Fuller's keen intellect, commitment, and well-established credibility directly contributed to cohesive and comprehensive counterterrorism policies across the Department of Defense, the National Security Staff, the Joint commands, and the rest of the Interagency. Mr. Fuller's service to DoD merits the highest level of recognition.