



Commission on the National Defense Strategy for the United States



The Honorable Michael J. "Mike" McCord was appointed to the Commission by House Armed Services Committee Ranking Member Adam Smith (D-WA).

Mr. McCord currently serves as the Director, Civil-Military Programs at the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership and as an Adjunct Research Staff Member at the Institute for Defense Analyses.

Prior to his current positions, Mr. McCord had 32 years of service in national security in the executive and legislative branches. From 2009 through January 2017 he served at the Department of Defense (DoD) as the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer and as the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). In these roles he served as principal advisor to four Secretaries of Defense on all budgetary and financial matters including contingency operation funding and policy, and management and financial audit of the world's largest military budget. While at DoD, he was a four-time recipient of the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

Mr. McCord joined the Department of Defense with 24 years of experience in national security issues in Congress, including 21 years as a Professional Staff Member on the Senate Armed Services Committee for former Senators Sam Nunn and Carl Levin. He served on the full committee staff from 1987 through 2002 and again from 2004-2008, with oversight of defense funding issues. From 1995-2008 he also served as the minority or majority staff lead on the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support where he was responsible for readiness, military construction and basing, and base closure matters.

He has also served as a defense and veterans affairs analyst on the staff of the House Budget Committee and began his career as an analyst at the Congressional Budget Office.

Mr. McCord has a degree in economics from the Ohio State University and currently serves on the Board of Advisors of their Department of Economics. He also has a Masters degree in Public Policy from the University of Pennsylvania. He guest-lectures on national security and budgeting at the American University and George Washington University.