

RICHARD DRIGGERS

Richard “Rick” Driggers joined the Department of Homeland Security on September 8, 2003. Rick currently serves as the Director, Infrastructure Information Collection Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security. He leads the Departments efforts to protect and provide standardized, relevant, and customer focused infrastructure information to Homeland Security partners.

Rick has program management and oversight of three major programs within IP: Infrastructure Visualization Program; Infrastructure Information Collection Program, and the Infrastructure Data Management Program.

Previously, Rick held a Deputy Director position in the Risk Management Division within IP as well as with the Collection and Requirements Division within the Office of Intelligence and Analysis. In these positions his responsibilities included strategic, performance, and budgetary planning, operational and exercise planning, future systems research, and training.

Prior to his arrival at the Department, Rick was Chief of Current Operations at the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency supporting the Air Force Special Operations Command 9AFSOC) on Hurlburt Field, Florida. Rick began his service to the nation when he enlisted as an airman on October 31, 1988 into the U.S. Air Force (USAF) as a Combat Controller assigned to AFSOC. While conducting jump training he was severely injured and subsequently medically discharged from the USAF on January 12, 2001.

His awards and decorations include the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal (5 awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2 awards), U.S. Air Force Achievement Medal (5 awards), US Army Achievement Medal (2 awards), National Defense Medal, U.S. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the NATO Medal. He also earned the US Army Jump Master Parachutist badge, the US Army Special Forces Military Freefall Master Parachutist Badge, the Special Forces Combat Diver Badge, the US Army Ranger Tab, and the Australian Army Parachute Badge from the 1st Squadron, Special Air Service Regiment.