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Jonathan Duecker graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in the US Navy in 1986. After attending the US Navy's flight school at Pensacola, FL, he was assigned to the EA-6B "Prowler" tactical electronic warfare community and flew electronic countermeasures missions from several fleet aircraft carriers. After 7 years of active duty, he joined the Naval Reserve as an Intelligence Officer performing counterdrug, counterintelligence, and counterterrorism intelligence analysis and production. He retired at the rank of Commander in 2010.

After leaving active duty, Mr. Duecker attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School and was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar and the two Federal Districts in Wisconsin in 1996. He then attended the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Basic Agent Training at Quantico, VA, and was ultimately assigned as a Special Agent to the DEA's Philadelphia Field Division.

Immediately after September 11, 2001, Mr. Duecker was assigned by the DEA to the Philadelphia FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Subsequently, he was mobilized to active duty to the Joint Intelligence Task Force – Combating Terrorism at the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) providing counterterrorism intelligence analysis and production in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism. While at DIA, Mr. Duecker was responsible for creating the Homeland Defense Division, which monitored the transnational terrorist threat to the continental US. He was also responsible for creating the "Joint Regional Information Exchange System" (JRIES), an information sharing system between the federal, state, and local intelligence and law enforcement agencies that was eventually adopted by the US Department of Homeland Security and renamed the "Homeland Security Information Network" (HSIN).

Mr. Duecker was demobilized at the end of 2002. In 2003, he was appointed Deputy Director of the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security by then-Governor Edward Rendell, and in 2004 was elevated to Director. He served in that position until the end 2005. He was then appointed Assistant Commissioner (Counterterrorism) of the New York City Police Department (NYPD) by then-Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly and served in that capacity until the end of 2008.

From 2009-2011, Mr. Duecker was the General Manager and Director of Operations for the Middle East and Arabian Gulf providing counterterrorism, Intelligence, security, and critical infrastructure protection counsel and training to the Critical National Infrastructure Authority, the principal UAE government agency responsible for protecting the nation's critical infrastructure (oil, gas, water, nuclear, airport, and seaport). Mr. Duecker returned from Abu Dhabi, UAE to serve as the Senior Counterterrorism Advisor on the Committee on Homeland Security in the US House of Representatives for the 112th Congress. In 2013, Mr. Duecker became the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Narcotics Investigations and Drug Control (BNIDC) at the Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He subsequently took on the additional role as Chief of Staff for the Office.

Professor Duecker joined the Valley Forge Military College in the autumn of 2017 as an adjunct professor in Leadership, Terrorism and Counterterrorism, and Incident Command. He is now a full-time assistant professor and teaches the additional courses of Constitutional Law, Global Conflict, International Relations, Introduction to National Security, and Intelligence Studies.



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