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As the Principal Director for Cyber, Dr Ragsdale is responsible for coordinating cyber modernization efforts across the Department of Defense (DoD). His specific responsibilities involve the establishment of policies, as well as supervision and portfolio management of all DoD cyber modernization programs and activities, including research and engineering, technology development, prototyping, experimentation, test and evaluation, and transition. He is also responsible for making recommendations concerning the allocation of resources and alignment of efforts across the Department.

Prior to assuming his current role Dr. Ragsdale was the Founding Director Cybersecurity Center at Texas A&M University. Before joining the faculty at Texas A&M, Dr. Ragsdale was a Program Manager in the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) where he successfully led and managed a \$175M research and development portfolio of classified and unclassified cybersecurity, educational, and behavioral science programs.

Prior to joining DARPA, Colonel (retired) Ragsdale served 30 years in the U.S. Army in a wide array of operational, educational, and research and development roles. His deployments included Operations Urgent Fury (Grenada), Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Iraqi Freedom (Iraq). Dr. Ragsdale served nearly 15 years at the United States Military Academy, West Point, in a variety of teaching, research, and leadership roles. He culminated his Army service as the Vice Dean for Education, the Principal Deputy to the Dean of the Academic Board.