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COL John Rotante currently serves as the Acting Director of Industrial Base Assessments (IA) within the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy. The IA Directorate monitors and assesses existing and proposed policy related to the Defense Industrial Base and supply chain health. IA works across sectors and production capabilities and individual producers; performing research, analyses, and reporting on industrial base risks and issues.

COL John C. Rotante is a native of Wyckoff, NJ and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant into the U.S. Army in 1997 from Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, MD. His civilian education includes a BA in Business Management from Gettysburg College, an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, and an MS in National Security and Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School at National Defense University. COL Rotante's military education includes the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captain Career Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, Command and General Staff College and the War College.

COL Rotante's first assignment was Fort Drum, N.Y. in the 10th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division where he served as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion S3 and S1. In 2001, he was reassigned to the 51st Maintenance Battalion, 21st Theater Support Command in Mannheim, Germany where he served in the roles of Deputy Support Operations Officer and Battalion S3. While assigned there, he deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. In late 2003, COL Rotante was reassigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he immediately joined the unit in Iraq as the Brigade Assistant S4. Upon return from that deployment, he remained in the brigade and assumed command of Alpha Company, 626th Brigade Support Battalion for over 28 months and deployed the company for another tour to Iraq. COL Rotante's next assignment was to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado. While there, he served as the Support Operations Officer and Group Support Battalion Executive Officer and deployed with the Battalion in support of two Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula (CJSOTF-AP) rotations. COL Rotante then served as an Exchange Officer in the Joint Logistics Command of the Australian Defence Force (ADF). In this capacity, he was responsible for logistics coordination of disaster relief during the Brisbane Floods in 2010 and Victoria fires in 2011 and was selected by the Director General of Supply Chain Operations and Plans to oversee the regional logistics support to the ADF National counter-terrorism response plan. Following that assignment, COL Rotante served as the Chief of Staff for a Joint Special Operations Task Force supporting the National Mission Force. From 2015-2017, COL Rotante commanded the Army Field Support Battalion – Alaska, headquartered at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. In this capacity, he also served as the senior Army Materiel Command representative in Alaska. Following Battalion Command, COL Rotante served as the Assistant Chief of Staff - G4 for 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, Texas and deployed with the Division Headquarters to serve as the Director of Sustainment, CJ4, for the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command (CJFLCC) during Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. John is a 2019 graduate from the Eisenhower School for National Defense and Resource Strategy at National Defense University at Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 1 OLC, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 OLCs, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 3 OLCs, Army Achievement Medal with 2 OLCs, Iraqi Campaign Medal (5th Award), Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, GWOT Expeditionary and Service Medals, Overseas Service Ribbon numeral 6, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

COL Rotante is married to Amy Jo and they have two children Lauren, 17 and Dominic, 9.