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## Glenn Ayers

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Glenn Ayers currently serves as Director, Growth and Strategy, for the Leidos Innovations Center, a position he has held since October 2023. In this role, he is responsible for strategic development, new business capture, and financial strategies serving government and commercial customers across all domains.

Ayers has a proven history of leading and securing large, diverse contracts across Department of Defense Research & Development organizations DARPA, ONR, AFRL, DIU, SCO.

He previously served in numerous positions in business development and line leadership at SAIC, BAE Systems, SRI International and Battelle Memorial Institute. Ayers also served at DARPA as the INDOPACOM Division Chief and as Deputy Office Director for the Adaptive Execution Office (AEO).

Ayers is a retired Army Colonel serving 16 years out of 25 at Ft. Bragg. His combat commands were with A Battery, 2-1 FA 1<sup>st</sup> AD during Desert Storm and as Battalion Commander, 9<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Bn (Abn) during the Iraq invasion of 2003.

After Battalion Command, he served as Military Assistant to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz. He retired from the Army as the PSYOP division Chief, J39, CJCS at the Pentagon.

Colonel Ayers is a graduate of Air Assault, Airborne, Ranger, Armored Advanced Course, CGSC, and the National War College. He is authorized to wear the Master parachutist badge, Air Assault badge, Ranger Tab, OSD and Joint Staff badges.

Ayers holds a bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Wake Forest University and master's degrees in International Relations from Troy University and National Security Strategy from the National War College.

He lives in Loudoun County, VA and is married to Melanie and is the father of CPT Rachel Ayers – Army Nurse Corps and Olivia Ayers.