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JOY A. SHANABERGER CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER, U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

Joy A. Shanaberger, Chief Technology Officer of U.S. Central Command, is responsible for overseeing the implementation of cutting-edge innovations across CENTCOM's defense and military operations. She advises the CENTCOM Commander on the future character of warfare to enhance CENTCOM's operational capabilities in its area of responsibility. With a keen understanding of strategic competition, technology acceleration, and the impacts of next-generation tactics to national security, she helps scale a warfighter-centric innovation mindset – effectively bridging the gap between military needs and industry capabilities.



A dynamic leader at the forefront of our country's strategic innovation and technology efforts, Shanaberger previously served as the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Defense where she drove the ambitious Replicator initiative, revolutionizing military capabilities through leap-ahead autonomous systems integration. Her expertise in dynamic acquisition, technology, and logistics environments has been instrumental in advancing next-generation solutions for the Department of Defense. Shanaberger's approach emphasizes comprehensive DOTMLPF-P integration, ensuring innovations are fully embedded across military operations.

Inspired by a poignant experience at a Dignified Transfer, Shanaberger previously founded Boone, a tech-acceleration company focused on rapid tactical edge solution deployment for defense and intelligence communities. Her successful leadership of Boone through acquisition in 2023 demonstrates her ability to translate innovative concepts into practical, warfighter-centric solutions that enable both private and public sectors.

Shanaberger's multifaceted background, including roles as a semi-professional boxer and mentor to inner-city youth, informs her holistic approach to diverse, team-centric modernization. Her entrepreneurial journey across defense, sports, entertainment, and humanitarian sectors reflects her commitment to building teams for generational impact and positive global change. Shanaberger aspires to continue building teams across government and industry that can effectively architect, deliver and scale warfighter-centric innovation around the globe.