

**Dr. Ronald J. Clark**  
**Deputy Under Secretary, Frmr**

Dr. Ronald J. Clark's 30 years of national security experience ranges from service as a Deputy Under Secretary to over a half decade in the White House with two Presidents. He also led units in combat overseas as a Marine Corps Infantry and Force Recon officer. Dr. Clark is the Founder and CEO of Spartan Strategy and Risk Management. He is a Senior Advisor to Adelphi Capital and LifeForce Capital focused on private equity and venture capital. Dr. Clark is also a Principal with WestExec Advisors founded by Tony Blinken, Avril Haines and Michele Flourney.



As the former Deputy Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate, Dr. Clark led 16,000 personnel operating in 50 states and four territories, with an annual budget of \$3.2 billion dollars. Dr. Clark focused on the protection of critical infrastructure (public and private), cybersecurity, counterterrorism and the integration of advanced national security technologies. As the Deputy Under Secretary, he led the offices of the Federal Protective Service, Infrastructure Protection, Biometrics and Identity Management and Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis.

Dr. Clark, previously served in the White House for over six years with President Barack Obama and President George Bush. He served in the White House on the National Security Council as a Director and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy. Dr. Clark led or partnered on the development and signature of 24 Presidential Policy Directives.

Dr. Clark is a retired Marine Corps Infantry and Force Reconnaissance officer who led units ranging in size from 40 to 7,200 personnel in combat overseas. He also led combat, humanitarian and maritime operations while forward deployed on the USS Austin and two tours on the USS Wasp, Landing Forces 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet. Dr. Clark served as a senior advisor to the Multi-National Forces Iraq Commander and to the Commander of U.S. Central Command.

Dr. Clark is an Adjunct Professor at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University whose current research focus is national resilience. Previously, he served as the NROTC Marine Officer Instructor and Assistant Professor at the University of Virginia specializing in maritime history, leadership and ethics. Dr. Clark participated in the NYC 9/11 Search and Rescue Operation and supported the launch of a Hurricane Katrina Emergency Operations Center in New Orleans. He serves on multiple boards to include the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Board and the MOAA Foundation Board. He is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Clark is the recipient of numerous awards including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and two National Security Council Outstanding Service Awards. He received a B.A. from the University of Rochester, as well as two Masters degrees and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.