

Adm. Michael Rogers

Former Director, National Security Agency & Former Commander, US Cyber Command

Admiral Michael Rogers is the former director of the National Security Agency (NSA), the former chief of Central Security Service, and the former commander of US Cyber Command. One of the most-knowledgeable intelligence professionals and cyber security experts on the lecture circuit, Rogers assumed those posts in April of 2014 and retired in June of 2018, marking 37 years of service. An MIT technology seminar fellow and former Harvard senior executive in national security, Rogers' presentations are packed with insights gleaned from his recent experience at the highest levels of the US government. He served under both Presidents Trump and Obama and oversaw the NSA and Cyber Command responses to both the Snowden leaks and Russian interference in the 2016 US Presidential election. He also put the NSA through its largest reorganization in 20 years and led the creation and operationalization of the nation's cyber mission force, culminating in the elevation of Cyber Command to the senior-most command level in the DOD. He is exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#).

In gripping presentations, Rogers offers his high-level overview of the threat landscape. He dives deeper into specific issues on moderated panels and in Q & A sessions on cyber security, intelligence operations, leadership, mentoring, organizational change, and national security from a global perspective. Within the cyber security area, Rogers focuses on four areas of defense: networks, platforms, weapons systems, and data, and helps groups answer questions like, "What do we need to do to evolve and protect our assets?" and "What will the future look like and how will that change affect my business?"

As director of the NSA, Rogers oversaw the largest intelligence organization in the US government, with a multi-billion-dollar budget and tens of thousands of military, civilian, and contract employees around the globe. He worked across all three branches of the U.S. government to develop and implement cyber policy solutions and execute intelligence and cyber operations, partnering particularly closely with the DoD, DHS, FBI, Department of State, the Congress, the FISA court, and the U.S. and global intelligence community as well as foreign civilian and military cyber organizations. Rogers spent significant time partnering with foreign governments and counterparts around the world, as well as with private sector actors in Silicon Valley and New York City.

He is unique in his past roles as both a developer of cyber security policy and a practitioner. Rogers has also served as the director for Intelligence for both the Joint Chiefs of Staff and US Pacific Command, and most recently as commander, US Fleet Cyber Command/US 10th Fleet.

Originally a surface warfare officer, he was selected for re-designation to cryptology (signals intelligence) in 1986. Duties at sea have included service as the senior cryptologist on the staff of commander, Carrier Group 2/John F. Kennedy Carrier Strike Group, and as the fleet information operations officer and fleet cryptologist on the staff of Commander, US 6th Fleet embarked in USS Lasalle. He has led direct support missions focused on signals intelligence aboard U.S. submarines and surface units in the Arabian Gulf and Mediterranean. Rogers' joint service both at sea and on shore is extensive. Prior to becoming a flag officer, he served at US Atlantic Command, CJTF 120 Operation Support Democracy in Haiti, Joint Force Maritime Component Commander, Europe, and the Joint Staff. From 2003 to 2007, his Joint Staff duties included leadership of the J3 Computer Network Attack/Defense and IO Operations shops, EA to the J3, EA to two directors of the Joint Staff, special assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, director of the Chairman's Action Group, and a leader of the JCS Joint Strategic Working Group.

Rogers is a native of Chicago who attended Auburn University, graduating in 1981 and receiving his commission via the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. He is a distinguished graduate of the National War College and a graduate of highest distinction from the Naval War College. He is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI fellow; Harvard Senior Executive in National Security alum; and holds a Master of Science in National Security Strategy.

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