BIOGRAPHY

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Pat Ryan is chief technical officer of the Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium. In this leadership role, he focuses on bringing NCOIC's technical expertise to a rapidly changing business environment in ways that will benefit both the consortium's members and customers. He was the program manager for NCOIC in executing the IT modernization task with NATO.

Ryan is also owner and chief management officer of PLR NetworkVentures LLC, an IT consulting business that helps companies and organizations identify, qualify and successfully execute on core business advantages on a global basis.

Previously, Ryan worked at Cisco Systems as director of defense initiatives and chairman of the Global National Security and Defense Working Group. His team was responsible for developing and supporting long-range, worldwide national security and defense programs. He worked with the security and defense communities to identify IT requirements, solutions and value-added capabilities to help the military and governments achieve their national interests. He also helped Cisco work with defense organizations to satisfy specific government requirements from commercial industry.

Prior to joining Cisco, Ryan was a vice president at BDM, a technical services company. After its acquisition by TRW, he served as director of Tidewater Operations and was responsible for all TRW operations for the Air Combat Command and the Aerospace Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency.

Ryan retired after 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. During his military career, his assignments involved applying information technology to USAF warfighting elements, including five command assignments serving at all levels of both staff and field. He spent more than 12 years overseas with NATO, European and Pacific Commands. He concluded his military career as commander of the Air Force Communications Agency, a forward-operating agency for the Air Staff with over 600 personnel.

Ryan has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in systems technology from the Naval Postgraduate School. He attended the NATO Defense College Senior Service School and is a graduate of several executive management programs from Carnegie Mellon University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the author of *Fifty Important Things You Should Know about Life and Business or Things Your Boss or Parents Should Have Told You.*

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