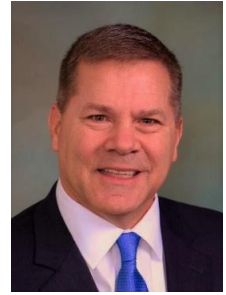


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Lanier Ward is Senior Director of Business Development for Leonardo DRS's Tactical Systems line of business. Since joining the company in 2019, he has led multidomain growth initiatives across electronic warfare, counter-unmanned aircraft systems, CMOSS-based cryptographic and software-defined radio capabilities (XCM-3), and an open-standards middleware software package (SAGEcore™) for tactical platform-level computing.

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Education & Recognition

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