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Dr. Schroden has been with CNA since 2003, during which time he has deployed or traveled 13 times to Afghanistan (twice at the request of the Commander, ISAF and once at the request of the Commander, CSTC-A) and twice to Al Anbar, Iraq; traveled throughout the Middle East; gotten underway with numerous Navy ships; and supported Hurricane Katrina disaster relief operations. Jonathan has served as a strategic advisor to the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Multi-National Force – West in Iraq, US Central Command, and the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. He also served as CNA's first interim advisor to Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command. Most recently, Jonathan directed CNA's independent review of the US Marine Corps' force design and the congressionally-mandated independent assessment of special operations force structure. Schroden is also an adjunct professor at George Washington University where he lectures on military power and effectiveness, and US special operations; and he is an adjunct scholar with the Modern War Institute at the US Military Academy.

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