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Mark Gunzinger is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. Mr. Gunzinger has served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Forces Transformation and Resources, and has led the development of multiple strategic planning documents that have shaped DoD's future force structure and capability priorities.

During his Air Force career, Mark served as a B-52 senior instructor/evaluator pilot and helped lead multiple assessments of future capability requirements as a member of the Air Force Headquarters Staff. Mark joined the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 2004 and was appointed as the Principal Director of the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) staff. Following the QDR, he served as the Director for Defense Transformation, Force Planning and Resources on the National Security Council Staff, The White House.

He is the recipient of the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit Medal.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
United States Air Force Academy (Class of 1977)

Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy
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Master of Airpower Art and Science
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Areas of Expertise

- Air Warfare
- Defense Transformation
- Force Planning
- Long-Term Military Competition
- Quadrennial Defense Review
- Strategy Development