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Mr. Rory Quinn is the Team Leader of the Adaptive Threat Force (ATF) at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory. The ATF provides a thinking, sophisticated sparring partner to act as “enemy forces” against Marine Corps or other units who are conducting experiments to test new elements of Service Force Design, emerging tactics or technologies. He leads a team of experts who can present the “look and feel” of specific real-world threats against which U.S. or Allied nations can fight, learn and improve their capabilities. The ATF specializes in bringing modern and future capabilities to bear in the fields of foreign military tactics, passive and active electronic warfare, unmanned aerial systems, human and electronic signature management and surveillance/counter-surveillance.

Previously, Mr. Quinn was the Marine Corps Service Lead at the Office of the Secretary of Defense’s Close Combat Lethality Task Force (CCLTF). In that position, he worked closely with industry-best performers across the fields of government/military, academia, professional sports, and the commercial sector to find capabilities or technology to drive generational improvements in the United States’ infantry and close combat formations. In this capacity, he was able to observe some of the positive and negative trends of artificial intelligence/machine learning, acquisition policies, and opportunities to “create wins” where multiple entities could benefit from collaborative processes, including the young men and women of America’s infantry. Mr. Quinn has also held command billets in the Marine Corps at each rank he has served.

Mr. Quinn has a B.A. in International Relations from Boston University, as well as two M.A.s in Military Studies and Strategic Studies from Marine Corps University. His War College thesis project dealt with process improvements to DOTMLPF-P reviews, to “crowd source” expert feedback in ways that produce measurably better outcomes.