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Jay Van Der Werff, PhD, joined FEMA Region 7 in the fall of 2019 as the National Preparedness Division Director and Federal Preparedness Coordinator located in Kansas City, Missouri and currently supporting the region as the Acting Recovery Division Director. Dr. Van Der Werff is a retired Marine with over 30 years of active duty and federal service. Following his military retirement, he spent time with Garmin, International before re-entering government service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency as the Deputy Director and Acting Director for Emergency Preparedness. Dr. Van Der Werff left the Farm Service Agency to lead Army University's faculty development program for the Army Learning Enterprise across 27 schools and over 25,000 military and civilian faculty. He holds a BA from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, an MS in Management from Liberty University, and a PhD in Adult and Continuing Education from Kansas State University.