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- *Chief Technology Officer – DEFENSEWERX*
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From 2013-2016, Brad Chedister was the Lead Engineer / Subject Matter Expert supporting USSOCOM HQ Commander's Science and Technology Initiative, the Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit (TALOS) Joint Task Force. Before that, he spent 2004-2016 as a Technology Scout / Subject Matter Expert supporting multiple Special Operations Command (SOCOM) priorities. Chedister is a Biomedical Engineer by training and holds a double Masters in Engineering Management and Technology Management. From 2005 to 2017 he supported several R&D SOCOM programs including Sensitive Site Exploitation (SSE), Human Performance Program (HPP), TALOS, Biomedical Initiatives Steering Committee (BISC), Identity Dominance and Identity Superiority Programs, and Village Stability Operations Task Force for Credibility Assessment. Additionally, Chedister was picked to lead a brainstorming group for the Ebola crisis dealing with key technologies in collaboration with the World Health Organization and White House R&D leadership. Chedister held the position of Warfighter Systems Architect Director at MIT affiliated Draper Laboratories from 2016-2018.

He is currently serving as the Chief Technology Officer of DEFENSEWERX in partnership with the Department of Defense – leading technology development and facilitation at multiple Facility locations and teams across the United States; and serving as a Special Advisor for Bio-Tech / Med-Tech / Human Performance Optimization Technologies for SOFWERX, Special Operations Command's partner. Before joining USSOCOM in 2005 – he played professional baseball for the Houston Astros MLB organization.

Chedister currently serves as a Co-Chairman for the Warfighter Sustainment and Performance Working Group (NDIA / DOD entity); Chairman of the Automobile Industry's Exoskeleton Working Group (Current and Future Technologies Sub-group); Member of the Cognitive Performer Working Group (Industry and DOD); and Northwestern University Kellogg Institute TWIN Member.