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President & Chief Executive Officer, Polemarchoi Inc.

Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (African Affairs) · Former Director, DoD Office of Small Business Programs

Dennis W. Bartow II is the founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Polemarchoi Inc., a boutique advisory, commodities trading, mining and refining firm operating where national security, industrial policy and capital formation meet. The firm works as the translation layer between mineral developers, sovereign and institutional capital, and the U.S. interagency — opening government access, conducting the commercial diplomacy that reaches host governments, structuring the capital, and building supply chains that hold. Since 2021 he has positioned more than \$2.6 billion on behalf of clients through letters of interest, term sheets, mandates and federal financing applications, including a single \$896 million EXIM Letter of Interest for a copper-molybdenum-silver redevelopment in Nevada. His engagements span tungsten, uranium, copper, silver, antimony, gallium, rare earths, platinum-group metals and lithium across North America, Europe, Africa, Australia and Southeast Asia.

He served twice in the Senior Executive Service at the Pentagon. As Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs Policy — the Department's most senior Africa official — he led its global strategic competition effort with a policy focus on defense support for economics and oversaw the writing of the Great Power Competition Strategy. As Director of the Office of Small Business Programs he was principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on small business matters, directing a network of more than 700 professionals across a portfolio representing roughly \$90 billion in annual procurement, and coordinated the 2019 DoD Small Business Strategy. Earlier, as policy lead for security cooperation and resources across Africa, he managed a \$200 million AFRICOM portfolio and helped facilitate a \$20 billion natural gas investment in Mozambique.

Mr. Bartow spent five years on Capitol Hill, including as Military Legislative Assistant to a member of the House Armed Services Committee, where he helped analyze, amend and pass four National Defense Authorization Acts and led the effort that closed a nine-year campaign to win benefits for Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans. He has also served in the Counterterrorism Division at INTERPOL Washington, where he built a Gulf of Guinea counter-piracy program with five African nations that continues to produce roughly 60 apprehensions a year, and he helped scale a wartime linguist services enterprise from a single employee to 8,000 in two years.

He enlisted in 1993 and served 29 years, 23 of them in support of U.S. Army Special Forces and Special Operations units, with deployments to Iraq, Kuwait and Kosovo. He retired as a Sergeant First Class and is a decorated, 70% service-disabled combat veteran holding the Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge. He is a Senior Fellow at the University of Virginia's National Security Data and Policy Institute and an advisor to the DARPA Critical Minerals Forum, and presented at PDAC 2026 in Toronto on federal agency financing for U.S. critical minerals projects. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from The Ohio State University and has held a TS/SCI clearance with counterintelligence polygraph. Raised in Canton, Ohio, he lives in Northern Virginia with his wife and three children.

\$2.6B+

CAPITAL POSITIONED SINCE 2021

29 YRS

MILITARY SERVICE, 23 IN SOF

SES TIER 3

HIGHEST FEDERAL GRADE HELD

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