



U.S. Army Contracting Command

COL Mary O. Drayton
Chief of Staff

COL Mary Drayton assumed responsibility as the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL, in March 2021. She is the principal assistant to the commanding general for synchronizing the efforts of the headquarters staff in support of a 6,300 person command.



COL Drayton is a 1996 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where she received a B. S. Degree in Life Sciences and was commissioned as a 2LT in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps. She has held multiple operational and acquisition command and staff positions over her 25 years of commissioned service. Her operational assignments include: Asst. BDE Chemical Officer, AVN BDE, Camp Stanley, Korea; BN Chemical Officer, 1st BN, 2nd Aviation RGT, Camp Page, Korea; BN Chemical Officer, 1st BN 44th Air Defense Artillery RGT, Ft. Hood, Texas; Decontamination Platoon Leader, 31st Chemical Company, Ft. Hood, TX; Company XO, 46th Chemical Company, 2d Chemical BN, Ft. Hood, Texas; Group Chemical Officer, 43rd Area Support Group, Ft. Carson, Colorado; Company Commander, 89th Chemical Company(Smoke/Recon/Decon), Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry RGT, Ft. Carson, Colorado and forward deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Al Asad Airbase, Iraq; Operations Officer/Senior Observer Controller (AC/RC), 3/290th RGT, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. COL Drayton's acquisition assignments include: Contingency Contracting Officer/ Contingency Contracting Team (CCT) Leader, 604th CCT, 900th Contingency Contracting BN, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Operations Officer, 900th Contingency Contracting BN, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Field Officer Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency-Southern Europe (Italy), Vicenza, Italy; Contracting Officer, Army Contracting Command-National Capital Region, Alexandria, VA; Military Deputy Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, 408th Contracting Support BDE, Arifjan, Kuwait; BDE Operations Chief and Executive Officer, 410th Contracting Support BDE, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas and Executive Officer, Expeditionary Contracting Command-Afghanistan, Bagram, Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. She served as the XO to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement). She previously served as the Commander for the 923rd Contracting BN and Director of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command-Ft. Riley.

Prior to arriving to the ACC Headquarters, COL Drayton commanded the 408th Contracting Support BDE in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. She served as the Deputy Director for Contracting Operations, HQ, Army Contracting Command.

COL Drayton's military education includes completion of the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and Intermediate Level Education. She is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certified in Contracting and Level II in Program Management. Her advanced civilian education includes a Master's in Business Administration from Regis University. She has a Master's in Strategic Studies from the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Valorous Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, NATO Award, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon. She is authorized to wear the Parachutist Badge.

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