



## Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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## ERICA JEFFRIES PURDO

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Throughout her career, Ms. Purdo has worked in both the public and private sectors. Most recently, Ms. Purdo joined Johnson & Johnson as the Chief of Staff and Strategic Support Lead for Global Services (GS) in May of 2018. Prior to joining J&J, Ms. Purdo was the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) where she was responsible for over 1200 employees serving nearly 700,000 veterans. She also had the privilege of serving as a White House Fellow where she focused on building domestic and international public-private partnerships. In the private sector, Ms. Purdo specialized in defense strategy and national security policy with assignments in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. She also served as the Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer and the lead for the signature corporate philanthropy effort for a Global Aerospace and Defense Corporation.

### EDUCATION

Ms. Purdo holds a Master of Business Administration from the Pamplin School of Business at Virginia Tech University; a Master of Arts in National Security Studies from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University; and a Bachelor of Science in International Relations and Systems Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

### MILITARY SERVICE

Ms. Purdo served on active duty as a Commissioned Officer with the U.S. Army from 1998 to 2003 with the 4th Infantry Division as an Aviation officer, Blackhawk helicopter pilot. She concluded her service as the Assistant Secretary to the General Staff for III Corps at Fort Hood, TX.

### MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: The American Legion (2016-present).

CIVIC: West Point Association of Graduates Board of Directors, Advisor at Large (2020-Present); George W. Bush Military Strategic Initiatives, Board Member (2015-present), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Purdo earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

### ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

September 2019

Ms. Purdo previously served as CASA, Illinois (North): January 2017 - November 2018



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