



**Civilian Aide to the
Secretary of the Army**
TENNESSEE (EAST)



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Ms. Leslie Purser retired at the rank of Major General from the U.S. Army after 37 years of service, and also served as a civilian during this time on the Joint Staff.

EDUCATION

Leslie graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1980. She has a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College and is a graduate of CAPSTONE.

MILITARY SERVICE

Ms. Purser served in all three components of the Army, on active duty for 13 years, and in the Army Reserve and National Guard for the remainder. She deployed to Iraq from 2005-2006 and has commanded at every level as an Army Reserve Soldier to include two general officer level commands. She served on both the Army and Joint Staffs in the Pentagon and retired in 2017 from the Army, and 2018 from the Joint Staff.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: President of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council, recent Chair, and current Military Outreach Coordinator of the Knoxville Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, former Army Reserve Ambassador for Tennessee, member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, member of Mission: Readiness.

CIVIC: Vice President of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Alumni Association, Secretary of Jefferson County Kiwanis, member/lector/choral bells of the First United Methodist Church, Dandridge, TN

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Distinguished Service Medal (2xOLC), Legion of Merit (3xOLC), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3xOLC), Army Commendation Medal (3xOLC), Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with arrowhead, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4xOLC), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 30 yr device Gold Hourglass, Military Intelligence Knowlton Award, Army Staff Badge, Multi-National Force Iraq Combat Service Identification Badge, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2xOLC).

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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