



## Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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**ERICA JEFFRIES PURDO**

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Throughout her career, Ms. Jeffries Purdo has worked in both the public and private sectors. She joined Johnson & Johnson in 2018 and today, she is the Vice President of Strategy and Transformation for Global Corporate Affairs. Prior to joining J&J, Ms. Jeffries 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 and their families. She also had the privilege of serving as a White House Fellow where she focused on building domestic and international public-private partnerships. Earlier in her career, Ms. Jeffries Purdo specialized in defense strategy and national security policy with assignments in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. She embarked on her civilian career after her time in the Army as an Aviation Officer, UH-60 helicopter pilot.

### 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: Board Member, West Point Association of Graduates (2022 – Present); Advisory Board Member, Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation (2023 – Present), Advisory Council Member, President George W. Bush Institute, Military Strategic Initiatives (2015 – 2023), Member, Board of Directors of Bunker Labs (2015-2019), Member, Board of Directors of Volunteers of America (2016-2018).

### 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

