



# Biography

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Ms. Julie Blanks is the Senior Official Performing the Duties of (SOPDO) Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. In her capacity as SOPDO, she is principal advisor to the Secretary of the Army for policy and performance oversight of human resources, training, readiness, mobilization, military health affairs, force structure, manpower management, equal employment opportunity, marketing, and other critical matters. She also serves as the Executive Director for the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs managing administrative and business matters, in addition to providing direct support to the quality of life and prevention functions for all Soldiers and their families.

Ms. Blanks previously served as Acting Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

Ms. Julie Blanks has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since October 2014.

### CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- Feb 2025 - Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (SOPDO)
- Nov 2022 – Present: Executive Director to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs
- Oct 2022 – April 2024: Deputy Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army; Executive Director, Headquarters Support Agency
- Nov 2018 – Oct 2022: Executive Director, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
- Jun 2017 – Nov 2018: Principal Director, Military Community and Family Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
- Mar 2015 – Jun 2017: Principal Director, Civilian Personnel Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
- Oct 2014 – Mar 2015: Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency

### COLLEGE:

- MS, Military Strategy, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, 2011
- Master of Social Work, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 2000