



Biography

Department of the Army



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Mr. Derrick M. Anderson was appointed as the Principal Duty Assistant Secretary for the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs on 6 April 2025. On 9 April, he assumed responsibility as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASA M&RA). As the Acting ASA M&RA, he is the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Army for all personnel policy for Soldiers, Civilians and their Families, with oversight of human resources, training, readiness, mobilization, military health affairs, force structure, manpower management, retention and recruiting, quality of life, equal employment opportunity, marketing and other critical matters.

Prior to his appointment, he served as a Director for Counterterrorism in the National Security Council where he advised the National Security Advisor and the President on national security matters.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- January 2025 – April 2025: Director of Counterterrorism, National Security Council, The White House
- September 2023 – November 2024: Candidate and Nominee for U.S. Congress
- September 2022 – March 2024: Associate, Williams & Connolly LLP
- September 2021 – June 2022: Candidate for U.S. Congress
- September 2020 – September 2021: Judicial Law Clerk, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- January 2020 – September 2020: Judicial Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- September 2019 – January 2020: Associate, Winston and Strawn LLP
- August 2016 – Present: Lieutenant Colonel, Operations Officer, District of Columbia Army National Guard
- June 2010 – July 2016: Special Forces Company Executive Officer and Operational Detachment Alpha Commander, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (including deployments to Afghanistan, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, and Bahrain)

- May 2006 – May 2010: Platoon Leader, 3rd Infantry Division and 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) (including a deployment to Iraq)

COLLEGE:

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
- B.A., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Political Science with Legal Option (Minor in Leadership)

SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:

- U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Intermediate Level Education (ILE)
- Special Operations Language Training (Arabic)
- Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE-C) Training
- Special Forces Qualification Course
- Special Operations Detachment Leaders Course
- Maritime Assessment Course
- Special Operations Command Jumpmaster Course
- Ranger School
- Pathfinder Course
- Air Assault School
- FRIES/SPIES Master Course
- Airborne School
- Mechanized Leaders Course

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Expert Infantryman Badge
- Special Forces Tab
- Ranger Tab
- Parachutist Badge
- Master Parachutist Badge
- Air Assault Badge
- Pathfinder Badge
- 2010 Best Ranger Competition – 9th Place Finish
- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Valorous Unit Commendation
- Army Superior Unit Award
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- NATO Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

- Member of the District of Columbia Bar
- Admitted to Practice in the District of Columbia and the United States District Courts for the District of Columbia