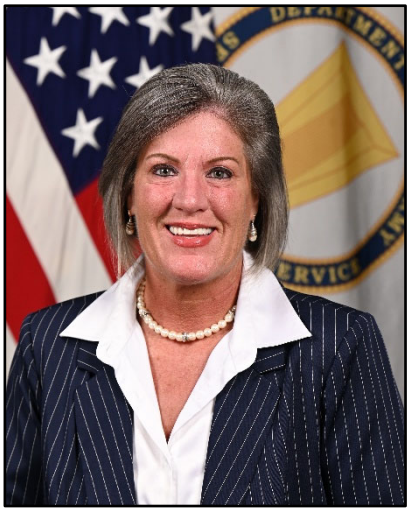
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CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- Aug 2023 – Nov 2025, Deputy Joint Program Executive Officer Armaments and Ammunition, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ

- Apr 2023 – Aug 2023, Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, Washington, D.C.
- Dec 2022 – Apr 2023, Chief, Major End Items, Property Accountability, and Audit Readiness, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, Washington, D.C.
- Mar 2022 – Dec 2022, Director of Human Capital and Resource Management, Army Civilian Career Management Activity, Fort Belvoir, VA
- Apr 2019 – Mar 2022, Executive Director for the Defense Ammunition Center (DAC) and U.S. Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety (USATCES), McAlester, OK
- Aug 2017 – Apr 2019, Chief of Supply and Services and Installation Supply Officer for the Logistics Readiness Center, Schofield Barracks, HI
- Dec 2010 – Aug 2017, Chief, HQDA G4 Logistics/Surveillance/Explosives Safety Review and Technical Assistance Office, DAC, McAlester, OK
- *[Oct 2011 – Apr 2012, Deployed Senior Command Representative, Joint Munitions Command, Bagram, Afghanistan]*
- Jan 2009 – Dec 2010, Chief, Ammunition Management Career Program, DAC, McAlester, OK
- Mar 2007 – Jan 2009, Director, Ammunition Center Europe, Miesau, Germany

EDUCATION:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, (Honoris Causa), Trinity International University of Ambassadors, 2022
- Master of Strategic Studies, the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA, 2017
- Master of Management, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ, 2012
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice Administration, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ, 2010

SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:

- Army Leadership, Excellence and Development (LEaD) – Intermediate, 2025
- Force Integration Course for Senior Leader, 2023
- Logistics and Technology Executive Program, 2021
- Harvard Senior Executive Fellows Program, 2020

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Business and Entrepreneurship Coach Certification, TIUA, Pensacola, FL, 2022
- Demonstrated Master Logistician – The International Society of Logistics, 2014
- Defense Acquisition University, Life Cycle Logistics, Advanced Level, 2012

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Recipient of the President's Lifetime Achievement Award, 2022
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- Distinguished Quartermaster Order of Saint Martin
- Distinguished Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe
- The LTG Levin Hicks Campbell Award for Logistics Excellence
- Superior Civilian Service Awards (5)
- Meritorious Civilian Service Medal (2)
- Civilian Service Commendation Medal (2)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal (2)
- Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism (2)