U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground

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Ryan W. Harris

Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground

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Mr. Ryan Harris was appointed as the Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground (DPG) in September 2026. In this capacity, Mr. Harris is responsible for the overall planning, directing, synchronization, and management of DPG command staff support functions to ensure the successful execution of the Dugway Proving Ground missions.

Mr. Harris formerly served as the Director of the West Desert Test Center (WDTC), U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground since 2011. In this capacity, Mr. Harris was responsible for the overall planning, directing, and evaluating all aspects of work for the chemical, biological, and other developmental and operational test programs executed by the Test Center. As a Major Range and Test Facility Base (MRTFB), WDTC's primary mission is testing United States and allied chemical and biological defense systems and performing nuclear, biological, and chemical contamination survivability testing of defense materiel. WDTC also supports testing of Uncrewed Aviation Systems (UAS), Counter Uncrewed Aviation Systems (CUAS), Long-Range Fires (LRF), and Low-Cost Interceptors (LCI).

His previous assignments include the Chief, Special Programs Division, WDTC; Chief, Training and Operations Branch, Special Programs Division, WDTC; and Test Officer, Special Programs Division, WDTC.

Mr. Harris has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Utah. He also holds a Test & Evaluation Practitioner Certification from the Warfighting Acquisition University.

Mr. Harris is married to his wife Kacey and has three sons Randy, Wyatt, and Matthew.