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Deputy to the Commanding General – Support (DtCG-S)

Ms. Erin Thede is currently serving as the Deputy to the Commanding General - Support. The DtCG-S serves as the Senior Civilian advisor to the command in areas including contracting, logistics, facility management, human capital, administrative, and other functions that enable the execution of the commander's intent and guidance.

Previously, Ms. Thede served as the Deputy Director for the Holistic Health and Fitness Directorate within the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training (CIMT). In this role she implemented H2F program priorities in coordination with the general guidance of the Director and Commanding General. The Army's H2F System is an enterprise-wide readiness initiative that combines all aspects of physical and non-physical human performance optimization under a single governance structure to enable commanders to improve Soldier health and fitness.



Ms. Thede was selected as the 4th CSA Senior Civilian Fellow during the 2019 Senior Executive Talent Management Process. As her utilization tour with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, she was acting as the Interim Deputy to the Commanding General – Support. In her first year of the Fellowship she provided the Army input to several studies at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) including a paper “Increasing International Participation in U.S. Professional Military Education (PME): National Defense University Options for Fiscal years 22-25 (Academic Years 23-26) for J5 Counter Threats and International Cooperation.”

Ms. Thede served as the Director of the Private Public Partnership Office (formerly the Employer Partnership Office) in the Office, Chief Army Reserve from January, 2011 to July 2019. As Director she oversaw support to soldiers, families, and veterans through connections of career opportunities in the civilian sector.

Prior to this assignment, Ms. Thede served in a civilian capacity with the Army National Guard (ARNG) since 2003. During this period she managed several ARNG Programs including: Full Time Support with assets totaling approximately \$3.8B, the Initial Entry Training program with an annual budget of approximately \$1.3B, and the Funeral Honors, Family Assistance Centers and Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Programs with an annual budget of \$153M. Ms Thede was instrumental in the creation and development of the ARNG's Yellow Ribbon Program at both the State and National levels, including the provision of crucial background information as the Program went forward into Legislation.

In Fiscal Year 2008 the ARNG expanded their Family and Soldiers Services, creating a new Division under Ms. Thede's direction and guidance. Within this Division she provided oversight for ARNG programs related to Warrior Transition Units, Suicide Prevention, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, Soldier Reintegration, Casualty Assistance, and Survivor Outreach Services. The total execution for this Division was approximately \$90M in Operations and Maintenance National Guard (OMNG) and \$80M in National Guard Pay and Allowances (NGPA) funding.

Ms. Thede's next assignment was with the Department of the Army Inspector General. She was selected to represent the ARNG as a subject matter expert during the Inspection of the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program.

Her last assignment with the ARNG was within the PA&E Division managing the Installations, as well as Sustaining and Equipping Program requirements and funding. Ms. Thede managed all aspects of the POM process for these Program Evaluation Groups and coordinated with the Army Staff to ensure that ARNG requirements and priorities were taken into account within the larger activities.

Ms. Thede began her service to our country in the 1980's, earning the title United States Marine. Her education includes earning a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Park University and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.