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**Security:** Last held; Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information, February 2006, USAF

**Summary of Qualifications:**

- 21 years of Air Force and Joint Military Intelligence experience, spanning Unit, Numbered Air Force, Major Command, Headquarters Air Force, Combatant Command and Sub-unified Commands
- Experience in Middle-East, Europe, Asia, Southwest Asia, and North Africa areas of operation
- Five years Non-Rated Ops experience as Missile Launch Officer in the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Weapon System (WS-133B), Wing Cmd Post qualified
- Extensive expertise coordinating interagency issues and Intelligence Community matters for Headquarters Air Force, including senior decision-making forums and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) enterprise-wide transformational issues

**Work Experience:**

JKS Global Solutions, LLC Oct 2012 – Present

Founding Partner and Chief Operations Officer, Albuquerque, NM

- Woman owned, Disabled Veteran Small Business founded in Dayton, OH in Oct 2012
- Provides Senior Executive leaders with independent insights on Strategic Planning, National Security Matters and Global Intelligence Planning/Operations
- Assists companies reach their greatest potential through: creation of purposeful partnerships of high performing teams, while growing business opportunities in both public and private sectors

Deputy Chief, Air Force ISR Doctrine May 2008 – July 2010

HQ USAF, The Pentagon, Washington DC

- Garnered USAF approval for, and spearheaded largest overhaul and re-write of ISR Doctrine (AFDD 2-0), the Capstone Document guiding Air Force ISR forces

Deputy Chief, Plans and Requirements May 2007 – April 2008

HQ USAF, The Pentagon, Washington DC

- Authored the first-ever A2 Mission Directive, signed by the Secretary of the Air Force. Established the A2 as Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance
- Led A2's interagency efforts in support of the Director of National Intelligence's 500/100 Day Plans

Chief, Intelligence Acquisition and Community Issues June 2006 – April 2007

HQ USAF, Pentagon, Washington DC

- Jump-started AF HUMINT program; from dormant status to an initial basic exploitation capability
- Convinced USD (I) to divert a \$100M HUMINT bill from the Air Force, saving program from failure
- Oversaw A2 staff review of Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) documentation—ensured intelligence supportability for new and emerging programs of record

Deputy Director of Intelligence May 2005 – June 2006

16<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany

- Led staff of 33 military and civilian personnel; led all operational intelligence requirements for the European, North Africa / Sub-Saharan Africa, and Russian Areas of Operation
- Stood up first-ever Intelligence Directorate in USAF's Air Force's War-Fighting Headquarters

- Spearheaded intelligence planning for air operations support to the U.N. Darfur mission; 352 troops and 118+ tons of relief supplies
- Guided U-2 sensor planning for counterterrorism (CT) operations in N. Africa; 14 successful U-2 collection missions

#### Chief, Intelligence Readiness Division

April 2004 – May 2005

HQ United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE), Ramstein AB, Germany

- Led team of 15 military and civilian personnel; led all intelligence readiness requirements in the European, North Africa / Sub-Saharan Africa, and Russian Areas of Operation
- Directed theater intelligence response to 110+ Air Expeditionary Force taskings for Operations ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) and Operation JOINT FORGE
- Stood up the Air National Guard augmentation program for Distributed Ground Station-4, doubled USAFE's Predator exploitation crew capacity and increased the Air Force's worldwide Unmanned Aerial Vehicle exploitation from four nodes to five

#### Chief, Intelligence Plans and Programs

June 2003 – March 2004

HQ United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE), Ramstein AB, Germany

- Oversaw USAFE's Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution process; supported 7 program elements worth \$170.5M. Oversaw all of USAFE's Combat Air Intelligence System (CAIS) and Distributed Common Ground Station (DCGS) programmatic actions
- Garnered \$10.2M plus-up for U-2 and UAV operations in USAFE, while authoring key reclaims that prevented a \$105M cut by OSD

#### Chief, Intelligence Plans and Exercises, Command Targeteer

July 2000 – June 2003

Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT), MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL and Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command (CFSOCC), As Saliyah, Qatar

- Chief architect of Command's OEF Intelligence Campaign Plan; supported over 3,000 U.S. SOF, 500 Coalition SOF from 7 Nations; encompassing five forward operating bases in five different countries
- Deployed three times to Combat Zones supporting SOF Ops in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, and Djibouti
- Deployed as Chief, Intel Plans for SOCCENT; developed multi-agency plan to maximize SOF operations with Kurdish and Shia opposition forces during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM
- Driving force behind Command's Intelligence Directorate move to forward deployed Warfighting HQ's, moving over 100 personnel and \$1.5M in special equipment
- Built state-of-the-art Joint Intel Fusion Center; from bare bones to fully operational in just 26 days
- Expedited \$30M sensor suite acquisition, enabled SOF Teams to monitor remotely out of harm's way
- Led Command targeting effort with over 300 SOF Target Packages within first 25 days of war

#### **Education:**

- B.A., World History, Taylor University, Upland, IN 1986
- M.A.S., Aerospace Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 1994
- M.A.S., Strategic Intelligence, Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington DC 1998

#### **Professional Military Education:**

- Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB 2003
- Squadron Officer School (Residence & Correspondence), Maxwell AFB 1997