



Biography

Department of the Army



Carla K. Coulson

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Ms. Carla K. Coulson was selected for the Senior Executive Service (SES) in June 2013. In her role as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Housing and Partnerships, she develops and oversees Army-wide policies, programming guidance and strategies for a host of critical installation programs and services for Soldiers, Families, and Civilians, including but not limited to: Military Construction, Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization, Real Property Asset Management, Owned and Privatized Housing, Real Estate and Installation Planning and Management.

Ms. Coulson has over 42 years of experience in facilities engineering and installation management gained from a variety of assignments within the Departments of the Army and Defense, both in the United States and abroad. She served in command and supporting positions as an Army Engineer officer for over 28 of those 42 years, retiring in December of 2005 at the rank of Colonel.

In her 14 years as a Department of the Army Civilian she has served as the Acting Deputy, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM, now G9); as the Director of Installations Services Directorate (G9), as the Director of the Defense Media Activity Transition in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs; as the Director, Installation Management for the Defense Logistics Agency and as the Army's Assistant for Construction in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and the Environment.

Career Chronology:

- Oct 2020 – present: Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Housing and Partnerships)
- Jan 2019- Jan 2020: Director, Installation Services, Deputy Chief of Staff G-9
- Jan 2017 – Jan 2019: Acting, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management
- Jun 2013 – Jan 2017: Director, Installation Services, Officer of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management
- Nov 2011 – Jun 2013: Director, Installation Management, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA

- Dec 2008 - Nov 2011: Assistant for Construction, Offices of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Housing and Partnerships) and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and the Environment), Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.
- Jun 2007 - Dec 2008: Director (term SES appointment), Defense Media Activity, Transition Team, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.
- Nov 2005 - Jun 2007: Assistant for Installation Planning, Offices of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing) and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment), Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.
- May 2003 - Oct 2005: Deputy Director, Headquarters and Support Activities Joint Cross Service Group for BRAC 2005, Army G-8, Washington, D.C.
- Jul 2001 - May 2003: Deputy Director, Facilities and Housing, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.
- Aug 2000 - Jun 2001: Student, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Oct 1999 - Aug 2000: Deputy Division Commander, Southwestern Division, Army Corps of Engineers, Dallas, TX
- Jul 1977 - Oct 1999: Served in a wide variety of other command and support positions as an Army Engineer Officer, retiring from the Army as a Colonel in Dec 2005

College:

- Masters of Civil Engineering, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 1986
- Bachelor of Science (biology/chemistry)(Magna Cum Laude), Salem College, Salem WV, 1976

Significant Training:

- National Security Studies course, Canadian Forces College (War College), Toronto, ON, 2001
- Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 1992

Certifications:

- Engineer-in-Training (EIT), North Carolina

Awards and Honors:

- Silver De Fleury Medal (2019)
- Civilian Meritorious Service Award (2011, 2019)
- Defense Logistics Agency Superior Civilian Service Award (2013)
- Defense Award for Exceptional Civilian Service (2008)
- Defense Superior Service Medal (2005)
- Legion of Merit (4 awards)
- Meritorious Service Medal (6 awards)

Professional Memberships and Associations:

- Army Engineer Association
- AUSA