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Deputy to the Commanding General

Ms. Kristina M. O'Brien is the Deputy to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), the Army Service Component Command to USTRANSCOM and a Major Subordinate Command to the Army Materiel Command. SDDC provides deployment and distribution capabilities to meet national objectives.

Ms. O'Brien was appointed to the Senior Executive Service on November 12, 2019 and previously served as Principal Deputy Director for Logistics, Joint Staff, The Pentagon, Washington D.C. In this role she was responsible for integrating logistics planning and execution in support of global operations.

Prior to her SES appointment, Ms. O'Brien supported the U.S. Department of Commerce, where she led a multi-organizational team to coordinate, integrate, test and deploy the Remote Alaska Operational Delivery supporting the 2020 Decennial Census System of System architecture.

Ms. O'Brien previously served in the United States Air Force as a Logistics Readiness Officer. Her joint experience includes serving as Chief of Logistics Operations at Headquarters United States Indo-Pacific Command; Chief of Logistics, Plans Programs and Operations at Headquarters United States Africa Command; and Chief of Knowledge Based Logistics, Joint Staff J4. She has also served in multiple command and deputy command roles at the group and squadron level, to include while deployed supporting operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Ms. O'Brien's academic credentials include a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas, a Master of Science in Logistics Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Air War College. She is also a certified Program Management Professional.

Ms. O'Brien is the recipient of a Joint Civilian Service Commendation Medal for her role supporting the Coronavirus-19 response, and the Institute for Defense and Business's General William G.T. Tuttle Award for Business Acumen in Defense and Government. Her military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

