

Ms. Kristin K. French

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Kristin K. French is the Deputy Director of Logistics Operations (J3) at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), a \$42B combat logistics support agency. She is responsible for the end-to-end supply chain management of DLA's nine supply chains, providing logistics and materiel process management policy, guidance, oversight and monitoring of supply chain performance. She assumed this position in March 2021.

Prior to her current position, Ms French served as DLA's Chief of Staff. As CoS, she led all HQs operations and directly supported six Major Subordinate Commands' actions in strategic planning, enterprise integration, organizational governance, strategic communications, legislative affairs, small business programs, equal opportunity and installation management. She supported eleven major DLA installations worldwide, to include 27 distribution depots, 100 disposition facilities and 642 Defense Fuel Supply Points.

From July 2016 – March 2018, Ms. French was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and served for 16 continuous months as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness. In this capacity, she served as the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics in the oversight of logistics policies, practices, operations and efficiencies in support of enhanced readiness to the Warfighter.

Ms. French graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, in 1986 and was commissioned into the Regular Army as a Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. She retired from military service as a Brigadier General in November 2015. Prior to her active duty military retirement, she served as the Commanding General for the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and the Joint Munitions Command in Rock Island, Illinois. From 2011 to 2013, she served as the Commanding General for 3rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and in April 2012 deployed the unit to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Her 29+ years in uniform included duties in key command and staff positions worldwide. Her military service includes combat deployments as the Commanding General, Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan, and senior operational logistician in Afghanistan, as well as a squadron commander and the senior logistician in western Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She also completed a deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Fox and to Croatia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor.

Ms. French holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy; a Master of Science degree in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology; and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Her military education includes the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the Logistics Executive Development Course at Fort Lee, Virginia; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

