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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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KIRSTIN L. SCHLERETH

Acting Chief of Staff

Ms. Kirstin Schlereth became DIA's Acting Chief of Staff in January 2026. In this role, she performs in a wide range of activities to guide and direct strategies, operations, policy, and communications for DIA.

Ms. Schlereth was appointed to Defense Intelligence Senior Level in June 2023 and served as the Senior Defense Intelligence Expert for Partner Integration until her current appointment. Prior to her selection as Senior Executive, she was the Principal Deputy Research Director, Acting Research Director and Analytic Ombudsman in the Directorate for Analysis and the Europe/NATO Division Chief within DIA's Europe/Eurasia Regional Center.



Ms. Schlereth began her DIA career in 1997 in the Office of Counterproliferation Support, where she was an analyst and team lead for arms control issues and chemical warfare programs. From 2004 to 2006, she was the DIA Senior Command Representative to Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples and served as the DIA Director's senior representative to the Commander in Chief, JFC Naples and Naval Forces Europe. From 2007 to 2010, Ms. Schlereth was the DIA Liaison Office Chief in Tel Aviv, Israel. Following her return from Israel, she served as a Senior Intelligence Officer in the Middle East Regional Center. Ms. Schlereth next served as Staff Director of the Joint Foreign Materiel Program Office. From 2013 to 2015, she was the Executive Assistant to DIA Director. From 2015 to 2018, she was a Field Analyst in the Defense Attaché Office Athens, Greece.

Ms. Schlereth deployed to Saudi Arabia with the National Intelligence Support Team Joint Task Force-South West Asia (1999-2000) and to Afghanistan with the Chemical Biological Intelligence Support Team (2001-2002).

Ms. Schlereth has received the National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction, the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation three times (JFMPO, DAO Tel Aviv and Chemical Biological Intelligence Support Team), the DIA Director's Award, the DIA Civilian Achievement Medal, the DIA Unit Achievement Award (Chemical Biological Intelligence Support Team), and the Civilian Combat Support Award.

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Ms. Schlereth graduated Phi Beta Kappa magna cum laude from Macalester College, St. Paul, MN with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and holds a Master of Arts degree in Geography from the University of Maryland, College Park.

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