



# BIOGRAPHIES

## UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND

### **Kate Leahy**

Brigadier General, United States Army Reserve  
Director of Intelligence  
United States Southern Command

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Brigadier General Kate Leahy is the Director of Intelligence, U.S. Southern Command, Doral, Florida.

BG Kate Leahy was commissioned as a second lieutenant, Military Intelligence, upon graduation from Providence College, Providence, RI, in 1985. BG Leahy's first assignment was with the 7th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, California. She served as a collection platoon leader; S-4 Logistics Officer; S-1/Adjutant; and Chief, Technical Control and Analysis Element, with the 107th Military Intelligence Battalion.

In 1991, BG Leahy left active duty and was assigned to the Military Intelligence Group-Europe, Heidelberg, Germany as a Troop Program Unit Soldier. She deployed in support of Operation Provide Promise to Naples, Italy, and was later mobilized in support of Operation Joint Endeavor, and served in the 7th Army Reserve Command's Crisis Action Center in Schwetzingen, Germany.

In 1997, BG Leahy was accessed into the Active Guard Reserve Program, and assigned as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Rhode Island. Subsequent assignments included Unit Training Officer for the 96th Regional Support Command, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Operations Officer, Office of the Chief Army Reserve (OCAR), Washington DC. In 2004, BG Leahy was selected for Deputy Command of the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, Korea. Following this assignment, she served as the Reserve Advisor to the FORSCOM G2, and then returned to OCAR as the Secretary of the General Staff.

In 2008, BG Leahy deployed to Baghdad, as the Chief of the Joint Document Exploitation Center-Iraq (JDEC-I). Upon her return, she was selected for Inspector General duty. From 2009 through 2011, BG Leahy served as the 81st Regional Support Command IG and subsequently as the U.S. Army Reserve Command IG. In April 2012, she assumed command of the Military Intelligence Readiness Command's (MIRC) Training Support Command, where she served for two years. In September 2014, BG Leahy was promoted to her current grade, and assigned as the Deputy Commander of the 81st Regional Support Command, headquartered at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. In August 2015, BG Leahy was selected as the Director of Intelligence (J-2) for U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM).

BG Leahy's military education includes the MI Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit (1OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), the Department of the Army Staff Badge, the Knowlton Award, and the Army Parachutist Badge.

