



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

LESLIE KERSHAW

Leslie Kershaw is the Cyber Technical Director of Space DELTA 6 (DEL 6), Space Operations Command, United States Space Force, Schriever Space Force Base, Colorado. As the Cyber Technical Director, she leads the construction and coordinating of cyber capabilities and architecture for Delta 6's nine squadrons and eight detachments/operating locations, across 13 geographically-separated locations, comprised of more than 1,000 active-duty military, Department of Defense civilian and contractor personnel enabling command and control (C2) operations for 11 Combatant Commands.

Ms. Kershaw has spent nearly 20 years in the cyber field as an operational expert providing technical and strategic leadership to government and commercial organizations. She has experience in product and service development, cyber operational authorities/planning, AdTech and AppTech, cloud infrastructure and threat intelligence.

Ms. Kershaw began her career in the Army as Signals Intelligence Analyst, she was recruited for a cyber focused Special Missions Unit during a deployment supporting OIF II. She proudly became the Army's first female Interactive On-Net (ION) operator certified by the National Security Agency (NSA). She conducted offensive operations for five years as a Journeyman in Windows and the Platform Champion for Firewalls. Participating in and leading numerous national operations on behalf of the intelligence community. She was promoted to the position of Title 50 Deputy, responsible for enterprise-wide computer exploitation operations at NSA. She went on to form the NSA's first cyber focus Cryptologic Support Group which was located at DHS's cyber center and represented NSA's cyber defensive and offensive capabilities to all 22 of DHS' agencies as NSA's Senior Cyber Liaison.



Upon leaving the government she opened a multimillion-dollar commercial cyber hunt center for root9B. She oversaw the construction of the space, the installation of the infrastructure, hiring and training of the staff and operational execution on contracts. She was recruited as one of the first five members of Redacted, Inc. A cyber security company whose goal is to identify malicious hackers and bring them to justice. She supported operations until creating a cyber executive protection offering and later founding the public facing subsidiary which provides support to federal clients. She has also led the creation of multiple cyber operational platforms and cyber service programs.

EDUCATION

- 2002 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, San Diego State University, Ca.
- 2003 Signals Intelligence Analyst Course (Honor Graduate), Goodfellow AFB, Tx.
- 2006 Remote Interactive Operator Training, National Security Agency, Md.
- 2009 Front Line Leaders Program, National Security Agency, Md.
- 2009 Management of Personnel in Technology Positions Course, National Security Agency, Md.
- 2010 Mid-level Leaders Program, National Security Agency, Md.
- 2010 Masters of Science, Information Technology, University of Maryland University College, Md.

CAREER CRONOLOGY

1. June 2003 – November 2003, Signals Intelligence Analyst Course, Goodfellow, AFB, TX
2. December 2003 - May 2005, Signals Intelligence Analyst, ACE, 1 CAV DIV, North Victory, Baghdad, Iraq
3. June 2005 – July 2006, Computer Network Attack Operator, Detachment Meade, Fort Meade, MD
4. August 2006 – June 2009, Interactive On-net Operator (ION), Remote Operations Center (ROC), Fort Meade, MD
5. July 2009 – June 2010, Counter Terrorism ION Branch Chief/Firewall Platform Champion, ROC, Fort Meade, MD
6. July 2010 – December 2012, Title 50 Computer Exploitation Deputy Division Chief, ROC, Fort Meade, MD
7. January 2013 – September 2014, Chief, Cryptologic Support Group/Senior Cyber Liaison, DHS NCCIC, Arlington, VA
8. October 2014 – October 2015, Senior Vice President Adversary Pursuit Center, root9B, Inc, Colorado Springs, CO
9. October 2015 – March 2020, Chief Executive Officer, Bracket F (Redacted, Inc Subsidiary) San Francisco, CA
10. March 2020 – July 2020, Senior Associate, Cybersecurity & Intelligence, The Bizzell Group, Lanham, MD
11. July 2020 – January 2023, Board Member & Treasurer, National Cybersecurity Center, Colorado Springs, CO
12. July 2020 – December 2022, Vice President of Carbon Reach, Clarity Innovations, Columbia, MD
13. January 2023 – Present, Director of Staff, Space Delta 6, Schriever SFB, CO

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

National Intelligence Exceptional Achievement Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Board Member and Treasurer of the National Cybersecurity Center
Co-Founder of Military Cyber Professionals, Colorado Chapter
Cyber Patriots Mentor
Women in Technology Member
AFCEA member

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