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Ms. Alisa Stack is the Principal Director of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO). She assists the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs in leading the national effort for the fullest possible accounting for American personnel missing as a result of hostile action. This mission includes the rescue of those who become isolated during operations.

Ms. Stack served in several positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), including Principal Deputy Director for the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations; Acting Director, Policy Planning; Deputy Director, Detainee Policy; and Assistant for Sensitive Special Operations.



She served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Stability Operations at the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan, from 2009 to 2011, where she was the only civilian in the commander's group. In 2006, she established the office of Support to Public Diplomacy, where she served as Principal Director until 2008. Ms. Stack represented Policy on the faculty of the National War College from 2005 to 2006, where she conducted research on how and why terrorist groups employ women.

Ms. Stack was an OSD Presidential Management Fellow, working in the then-Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence), the Joint Staff, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), and Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Previously she was a Legislative Assistant to Senator Slade Gorton, covering defense, foreign affairs, veterans, and trade issues. She also has extensive experience in the non-profit, "think tank" community, including serving as the Director, AccessAsia at the National Bureau of Asian Research and working for the Soros Foundation in Albania.

Ms. Stack holds a Master of Science from the National War College, a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the University of Washington. She is a member of the Senior Executive Service. She has been published in several journals, including *Joint Force Quarterly* and *Terrorism and Political Violence*.