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Barbara J. Sotirin, Ph.D., a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the deputy director, Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. She is responsible for the identification, evaluation, and integration of defense transportation policies, concepts and procedures. This includes evaluation of all modes of strategic mobility systems, infrastructure, long-range programs, future requirements, and priorities for impact on the Defense Transportation System.

Sotirin began her career in 1980 in San Diego, Calif. at the Naval Ocean Systems Center where she served as a research engineer. After receiving her doctoral degree from the University of California, San Diego she returned to Navy as a senior research engineer specializing in arctic experimentation and array systems. In 1996, as a staff specialist in OSD AT&L Naval Warfare, she provided program oversight for ACAT I programs including the aircraft carrier CV(X) and the Department of Defense Mine Countermeasure Plan. She was selected as an SES in 1998 and served as a laboratory director for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, director for Research and Lab Management at Army HQ, and deputy director of Research and Development at Corps of Engineers HQ where she led the Chief of Engineers strategic initiative on stability operations as a special assignment. Prior to her assignment at USTRANSCOM, she was assigned to the Joint Staff J5 as deputy director for Global Security Affairs, followed by deputy director for Partnership Strategy.



EDUCATION

- 1980 Bachelor of electrical engineering, San Diego State University, San Diego, Calif.
- 1988 Master of electrical engineering, University of California, San Diego, Calif.
- 1989 Doctorate of electrical engineering/applied ocean science, University of California, San Diego, Calif.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

- 1980 - 1985 Research engineer, Applied Acoustics, Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego, Calif.
- 1985 - 1989 Research assistant and post-doctoral candidate, University of California, San Diego, Calif.
- 1989 - 1996 Senior research engineer, Directorate of Engineering, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, San Diego, Calif.
- 1996 - 1998 Staff specialist, Naval Warfare Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense Acquisition and Technology, Washington D.C.
- 1998 - 2002 Director, U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover, N.H.
- 2002 - 2004 Director for Research and Lab Management, Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Washington D.C.
- 2004 - 2009 Deputy director, Directorate of Research and Development, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Washington D.C.
- 2009 - 2011 Deputy director, Partnership Strategy, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff J5, Washington, D.C.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2011 Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 2009 Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Department of Army
- 2009 Commander's Certificate of Appreciation, CENTCOM commander

2008 Personal Letter of Recognition, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
2003 Defense Science and Technology Letter of Recognition
1998 Award for Excellence, Office of the Secretary of Defense
1996 Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center
1993 Recognition of Superior Service Award, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command
1991 Exemplary Achievement Award, Naval Ocean Systems Center
1984 Woman Engineer of the Year Award, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
1979 EXCEL Award for Job Excellence, General Dynamic - Convair

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Acoustical Society of America – Fellow
Academy of Political Science
International Peace Science Society
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
American Association for the Advancement of Science

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