



# Ashley Broin

## Acting Chief, Legislative Affairs



Ms. Ashley Broin is the Acting Chief of Legislative Affairs for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). She leads a team that facilitates DTRA engagements with Congress in support of the agency's countering weapons of mass destruction mission, its programs, and its funding to secure necessary authorities and appropriations in the annual defense bills.

Ms. Broin came to DTRA from the U.S. European Command Congressional Affairs office in 2024, where she was the Director of Legislative Programs and directed the legislative proposal program, reviewed bills, planned Congressional visits and supported

congressional testimony. Prior to USEUCOM, she worked for U.S. Strategic Command for 11 years, with a couple sabbaticals. She graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Science with dual majors in Law and Constitutional Studies and History. After working for insurance company Mutual of Omaha for a year she left for Creighton Law School, graduating in 2008. She continued her legal education with a Master of Laws (LLM) in Space and Telecommunications. She also has Master of Liberal Arts in International Relations with a Nuclear Deterrence Graduate Certificate from Harvard University in 2019, and rounding out her education is a Legislative Affairs Certificate from the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown in 2020.

Ms. Broin began her career at U.S. Strategic Command in the Commander's Action Group, writing talking points for the four-star commander, then began working all things Legislative Affairs. Over the course of 16 years she has prepared and taken seven Combatant Commanders to testify before, meet, and brief Congress. She has created strategy, reviewed bills, worked with other CCMDs and agencies to synchronize messaging to Capitol Hill. While working at USSTRATCOM she was VP of Sales & Marketing for a local Nebraska company, Purple Cane Road Root Beer for over a decade.

Looking to further serve and broaden her skills, Ms. Broin volunteered to deploy to Kuwait to assist in Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) in 2015, where she worked as a Command Advisor in the Commander's Initiative Group and synthesized activities in the area of operations into reports for the OIR CDR to send to USCENTCOM and the Secretary of Defense. When needed, she also provided legislative affairs assistance for congressional visits. She also worked on a command strategic narrative project with coalition partners and allies. During the deployment she was identified and moved to Iraq to smooth and strengthen relations with the Baghdad Embassy and establish a protocol for coordinating distinguished visits between the military and diplomatic installations.

After returning to USSTRATCOM in 2016, Ms. Broin was one of six people selected from the command to attend a nuclear deterrence program to increase USSTRATCOM's breadth and depth of thinking on deterrence theory and drive more conversations on what 21<sup>st</sup> century deterrence looks like.

Ms. Broin has been awarded The Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award twice, the J0 Senior Civilian of the year in 2010 and 2011, and received The Department of the Air Force Certificate of Achievement.