



# Lt. Col. Zoraida I. Escobar

## Director of Human Resources



U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Zoraida I. Escobar is the Director of Human Resources (HR) for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). In this role she is charged with forming collaborative and strategic partnerships to acquire, develop, and sustain a highly talented, innovative, competitive, and diverse workforce that supports the agency's mission, vision, and values.

An Army Chemical Corps and Adjutant General Corps Officer with more than 26 years of military service, Lt. Col. Escobar's previous strategic assignments include serving as the Department of the Army Chief of Officer Promotions and III Corps, Fort Cavazos, Texas, and as the Enlisted Personnel Management Branch Chief at Army Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky. After serving as an HR Military Assistant to two four-star Combatant Commanders in Afghanistan, she became the Officer Accessions Policy Integrator in the Directorate, Military Personnel Management (DMPM), U.S. Army G-1 at the Pentagon. As a Lieutenant Colonel, she served as the Installation and Division G1, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; as a Captain she commanded Company A, 43<sup>rd</sup> Adjutant General Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Jupiter Recruiting Company, Miami Recruiting Battalion, Miami, Florida. Her combat tours include Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Afghanistan, and Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN, Iraq.

Lt. Col. Escobar's military education include the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, and U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. She holds a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University; a Master of Arts in Human Resources Management from Webster University; and Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts from the University of Louisville. She is a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) by the Human Resources Certification Institute.

Lt. Col. Escobar's military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, U.S. Army General Staff Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge, and Army Recruiter Badge.

She is a Lifetime Member of the Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association (AGCRA) and U.S. Cavalry & Armor Associations (USCAA). Her professional awards include the COL Robert E. Manning Award, the Order of Horatio Gates Bronze, and the Noble Patron of Armor.