



BIOGRAPHY



Major General Julie A. Bentz

Major General Julie A. Bentz is acting director of the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Agency. She is responsible for leading the Defense Department's actions to rapidly provide counter-IED capabilities in support of combatant commanders, military services and other federal agencies to enable the defeat of improvised threats as weapons of strategic influence.

Major General Bentz was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1986 and was promoted to her current rank in August 2013.

Prior to her current assignment, she was the director, Strategic Capabilities Policy on the National Security Staff within the Executive Office of the President.

Major General Bentz has served in a variety of active, reserve and National Guard assignments regarding nuclear defense, homeland security, health physics, environmental sciences and as a traditional nuclear, biological and chemical officer. She served as the principal deputy for nuclear defense within the Office of the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear Matters. Major General Bentz's other assignments include director, Response Operations, Homeland Security Council; combat developer at the National Guard Bureau; executive officer, 102nd Civil Support Team; science advisor, Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear, Strategic Plans and Programs at National Guard Bureau; environmental science officer, 7227th Medical Support Detachment; and assistant S-3, nuclear, biological, chemical officer, 4th Medical Brigade.

Her civilian education includes a doctorate in nuclear engineering from the University of Missouri, a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College, and a master's degree in health physics from the University of Missouri.

Major General Bentz's other achievements include the National Science Foundation doctoral fellow, Particulate Systems Research Center, Columbia, Missouri; American Nuclear Society Exchange, Forschungszentrum, Germany; National Science Foundation primary investigator, La Selva Biological Station, Costa Rica; research fellow, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C; and an honorary doctorate in radiological health science from Oregon State University.

Major General Bentz's awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (three oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal (one service star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (bronze hourglass), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Presidential Service Badge, and the Army Superior Unit Award.