



# Biography

Department of the Army



**Katharine Kelley**  
Superintendent  
Arlington National Cemetery



Ms. Katharine Kelley is the 24<sup>th</sup> and first female Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery. She is responsible for the strategic vision for the cemetery; directs with full authority all operational support to the burial and visitation missions; which encompasses 624 acres, nearly 4 million annual visitors, 180 primary staff, more than 7,000 annual burials, \$25 million in construction and a \$71 million operating budget. She represents the Army and DoD with various foreign dignitaries, key national leaders and international heads of state.

She reports directly to the Executive Director of Army National Military Cemeteries and the Secretary of the Army for all issues related to Arlington and in this role, serves as the Army liaison to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Battle Monuments Commission, and the National Park Service to develop strategic partnerships, improve support to veterans and their families and enhance the visitor experience at Arlington.

## CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- 2016-Present, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery
- 2013-2016, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Services, Office of Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army
- 2012-2013, Chief, Standards and Evaluation, Arlington National Cemetery
- 2008-2011, Chief, BRAC Division, Army Materiel Command
- 2007-2008, Strategic Planner, Army Materiel Command
- 2004-2007, Business Process Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton
- 1999-2003, Logistics Officer, European Command, J4 & 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division

## COLLEGE:

- U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI, 2012, MA, National Security and Strategic Studies
- University of Oklahoma, Heidelberg, GE, 2003, MA, International Relations
- Villanova University, Villanova, PA, 1999, BA, Political Science

**SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:**

- Defense Senior Leader Development Program
- Civilian Education System Graduate

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- U.S. Naval War College's James D. Forrestal Award for Excellence in Force Planning
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Superior Civilian Service medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- Joint Service Medal