

Rebecca Porter, Ph.D.

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Colonel (Retired) Rebecca I. “Becky” Porter is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Military Child Education Coalition, since September 2019.

Dr. Porter’s initial Army tour was as a Clerk Typist in the Washington Army National Guard in Seattle, Washington, from 1981 to 1983. Her first assignment on active duty was in 1984 as a Platoon Leader in the 272d Military Police Company in Kaefertal, Germany. From 1985 to 1987, Dr. Porter served as the Adjutant and Personnel Officer of the 95th Military Police Battalion in Mannheim, Germany, before entering the United States Army Reserve as an assistant Operations Officer and Detachment Commander in the 448th Civil Affairs Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington.

In June 1995, Dr. Porter returned to active duty as a Clinical Psychology Intern at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Following the completion of her doctorate in Clinical Psychology, she stayed at Tripler as the Chief of the Chronic Pain Program. From 1997 to 1999, she served at Fort Bliss, Texas, as the Chief of Community Mental Health. In 1999, Dr. Porter transferred to the Pentagon, where she served first as an Operations Officer and Liaison Officer in the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, and from 2001 to 2003 as a Special Assistant to General Eric K. Shinseki, then serving as the Army’s 34th Chief of Staff.

From 2003 to 2005, Dr. Porter completed the post-doctoral fellowship in Clinical Health Psychology and then served as the Director of Psychology Fellowship Programs. From 2005 to 2007, she served as the Director of the Center for Personal Development at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. In 2007 and 2008 she was

deployed with Joint Task Force (JTF) 34 in Iraq. Upon her redeployment, Dr. Porter served as the Chief of Psychology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. From 2009 to 2010, she was the staff Behavioral Health Officer of the JTF Capital Medical (JTF CAPMED). Following that assignment, Dr. Porter transferred to the Office of the Surgeon General in Falls Church, Virginia, where she served as the Director of Psychological Health for the Army from 2010 to 2013.

From 2013 to 2015, Dr. Porter was the Commander of Dunham US Army Health Clinic, with facilities in four Pennsylvania locations: Carlisle Barracks, Fort Indiantown Gap, Letterkenny Army Depot, and New Cumberland. Following command, she served as the Director of the DiLorenzo TRICARE Health Clinic of the Pentagon, from 2015 to 2016. COL Porter commanded the Public Health Command Europe from July 2017 to July 2019.

Dr. Porter is a 1983 Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Washington. She holds a Masters of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Chapman University, a Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate University, and a Masters of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies from the National War College. With more than three decades of military service, Dr. Porter is a board-certified clinical health psychologist, a fellow of the American Psychological Association, and a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit. Dr. Porter's awards include the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for Military Psychology, the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal (six awards). She also holds the Surgeon General's "A" Proficiency Designator as recognition of her significant contributions to the Army Medical Department.