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Dr. S. Elizabeth (Liz) Clark, a member of the Senior Executive Service, serves as the Director (Acting) for the Defense Support Services Center (DSSC), part of the Defense Human Resources Activity. As Deputy Director, Dr. Clark ensures critical support services are provided to the Department's military and civilian personnel that enhance national security, mission readiness, resiliency and reintegration. Dr. Clark oversees following mission areas: Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office; Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program; Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support; Defense Language & National Security Education Office; Defense Travel Management Office; Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve; Federal Voting Assistance Program; Investigations and Resolutions Directorate; and the Military-Civilian Transition Office (Transition Assistance Program, Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, SkillBridge).

Dr. Clark brings over 25 years of service spanning the federal government and military service. Prior to her current assignment, Dr. Clark was the Director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO) and was responsible for policy, oversight, and advocacy of U.S. Department of Defense suicide prevention programs, which include non-clinical suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention efforts including policy, program development and evaluation, data surveillance, research, and outreach and engagement in support of more than 2M Service members and over 2.5M military family members worldwide. Dr. Clark also previously served as the Deputy Executive Director for the PREVENTS Task Force, created by Presidential Executive Order 13861, and charged with developing the first federally coordinated national public health strategy and roadmap to address Veteran suicide. Dr. Clark brings an array of suicide prevention experience to the Department through her previous work as a volunteer hotline crisis worker answering the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, as well as established and co-led a suicide bereavement support group in the Washington Metropolitan area.

Dr. Clark served as an Army Officer for over nine years in the Ordnance Corps and Adjutant General Corps and had a variety of assignments at the installation level, Army Staff, and National Guard Bureau.

Dr. Clark holds a Doctorate in Education from Vanderbilt University in Leadership and Learning in Organizations, a Master's Degree from Georgetown University in Human Resources Management, and a Bachelor's Degree from McDaniel College in Sociology.