



# Reserve Forces Policy Board

## Lisa Disbrow

Honorable Lisa Disbrow assumed the role of Chairman, Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The RFPB serves as an independent advisor to the Secretary of Defense on all National Guard and Reserve matters to include advice and recommendations on strategies, policies and practices to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency and effectiveness of the reserve components.



Lisa also serves on the Board of Directors of Mercury Systems, BlackBerry, CACI, Noble Reach Foundation (Board Chair), Spark Cognition, the Wounded Warrior Project, and the National Defense Industrial Association (Vice Chair). She is also a Senior Fellow at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab and serves on the President's Export Council - one of DoD's two Appointed Commissioners on the Congressional PPBE Commission. She also previously served on the Board of Perspecta, Inc; chaired the LMI Board; Hensoldt, Inc Board; and Mitre Air Force Advisory Board.

She served as the 25<sup>th</sup> Under Secretary of the Air Force from 2015 - 2017, where she led a global organization of more than 660,000 personnel with annual budget over \$135 billion dollars. After the January 2017 Presidential inauguration and before confirmation of the new AF Secretary, she was the Acting Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of Defense's Principal DoD Space Advisor.

Prior to these positions, she was the Senate-confirmed Financial Management & Comptroller of the Air Force - the chief financial officer responsible for developing and executing the AF budget and five-year program plan. She served 19 years on the Joint Staff in multiple executive positions including Vice Director of the Joint Staff J-8 Directorate where she advised the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Requirements Oversight Council on joint warfighting requirements, acquisition, global force management, warfighting assessments, and joint budget prioritization. She co-lead the development of National Defense & Military Strategies, the Congressionally-directed DoD Quadrennial Defense Reviews, and the DoD Roles and Missions reviews. She also led the development of the Global Force Management system, and the CJCS' Operational Availability series in support of annual Program & Budget Reviews and the Joint Requirements process.

From 2006 - 2007, she reported to the National Security Advisor to the President as Special Advisor for Policy Implementation across the federal government. In the early 1990s after Desert Storm, she was a senior systems engineer at the National Reconnaissance Office responsible for developing requirements and programs to improve national intelligence support to deployed users.

Ms. Disbrow retired from federal government in 2017 with over 32 years of total military and civilian service. In 2008, she retired as a Colonel with over 23 years of combined active duty and reserve duty in operations/signals/electronic intelligence; programming; and operational planning. She deployed in Operation Desert Storm/Southern Watch and supported operations in Bosnia.

Ms. Disbrow was awarded a Master of Science degree in National Military Strategy from the National Defense University, Washington DC, a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from George Washington University, Washington DC, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Affairs from University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA.

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