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Debra served in the United States Air Force for 26 years and while at the Pentagon served as the Division Chief, Airborne Reconnaissance & Networks Division, in the Information Dominance Directorate, and the Chief, Plans, Programs, Budget and Congressional for all Global Reach Programs. Some of her past assignments include Director of Systems Engineering at National Reconnaissance Office (NRO); Military Assistant to Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for AT&L; Program Integrator, F-35, F-16, Foreign Military Sales programs; Program Manager for AWACS block 40/45; Chief Mission Test and Evaluation/Chief Systems Requirements Planning Division for (SBIRS Low); and Range Operations Program Manager, HQ 2d Satellite Tracking Group Onizuka AFB, CA.

She is the recipient of the 1995 Women in Space Award, the 1992 General Forest McCartney AFA Space Award and the 1988 Air Force Space Command Inspector General Award. She holds several certifications from the National Defense University to include Level 3 in Program Management, Test and Evaluation and Level 2 in Systems Engineering.