

# Influential Women Highlights: Rhonda L. Byrd, Ed.D., Senior Military Advisor Advancing Leadership And Readiness

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Austin, Texas — Rhonda L. Byrd, Ed.D., is a distinguished U.S. Army veteran and education professional with more than 28 years of service, currently serving as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the G8 at the U.S. Army Transformation and Training Command. In this senior leadership role, she provides strategic guidance to the Chief Financial Officer on military and civilian personnel management, resource allocation, and the execution of high-impact initiatives supporting mission readiness. She also oversees cross-functional coordination for programs managing budgets exceeding \$12 billion, ensuring efficiency, accountability, and operational excellence across large-scale defense initiatives.



Throughout her extensive military career, Dr. Byrd has built a reputation for excellence in leadership development, instructional delivery, and institutional transformation. She previously served as an instructor and Assistant Professor at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, where she educated and mentored more than 1,500 senior enlisted leaders. In this role, she delivered both in-person and online curriculum, contributed to academic development and accreditation efforts, and played a key part in shaping the professional education standards for senior noncommissioned officers across the Army.

Her dedication to education and professional development ultimately led to her academic

promotion to Assistant Professor, reflecting her expertise in curriculum design, adult learning, and instructional leadership. Dr. Byrd's work has consistently focused on strengthening the capabilities of military leaders while ensuring that education remains aligned with evolving operational needs.

Dr. Byrd holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Liberty University and a Master of Education in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education from Penn State World Campus. She is currently pursuing an Executive Certificate in Higher Education Administration to further expand her expertise in academic leadership and institutional strategy. In addition to her formal education, she remains actively engaged in professional organizations, including the Finance Corps Association, the Association of the United States Army, and the Society of Defense Financial Managers.

Her distinguished service has been recognized through numerous honors, including the Major General Nathan Towson Medallion and being recognized as a Distinguished Member of the Finance Regiment, reflecting her exceptional contributions to military education, financial stewardship, and leadership development. Across every assignment, Dr. Byrd has demonstrated a consistent commitment to excellence, mentorship, and service to others.

Dr. Byrd attributes her success first and foremost to her faith, emphasizing that her accomplishments would not be possible without spiritual grounding. She also credits the unwavering support of her family and friends, who have encouraged her ambitions and provided stability throughout her demanding career. This foundation of faith and support has played a critical role in sustaining her resilience and focus across decades of military service.

One of the most influential pieces of career guidance Dr. Byrd has received is the importance of focusing on what can be changed rather than becoming overwhelmed by circumstances outside of her control. This mindset has enabled her to maintain clarity under pressure, prioritize effectively, and lead with consistency in complex, high-stakes environments.

For young women entering the field, Dr. Byrd emphasizes the importance of self-worth, confidence, and purpose. She encourages them to recognize their value, remain grounded in their identity, and never allow external doubt to limit their potential. She believes that success is built on a strong sense of self, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to personal and professional growth.

Dr. Byrd also identifies complacency as one of the most significant challenges in her field. While stability and strong teams can create a sense of comfort, she emphasizes the importance of continuous growth, motivation, and forward momentum. In her view, sustained excellence requires individuals to remain intentional about development, even during periods of success.

Integrity remains one of Dr. Byrd's most defining values. She places strong importance on honesty, trustworthiness, and being a person of one's word. She believes that consistency

between personal and professional conduct is essential for effective leadership and long-term credibility. Accountability and ethical decision-making are central to how she leads and serves.

Through decades of military service, educational leadership, and mentorship, Dr. Rhonda L. Byrd continues to exemplify principled leadership in action. Her career reflects a deep commitment to service, continuous learning, and the development of future leaders across the United States Army. In August 2026, she will continue to build upon this commitment in her new position as the third Sergeant Major for the Assistant Secretary of the Army Financial Management and Comptroller (ASA FM&C) at the Pentagon. She will serve as the first female Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Military Deputy for ASA FM&C, which is the highest Enlisted position of the Army Financial Management and Comptroller profession.

Learn More about Dr. Rhonda L. Byrd:

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