Biography

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Ms. L. Dian Stoskopf is the Director of Education, Department of the Army, Alexandria, Va. Within the Department of the Army, the Army Continuing Education System (ACES) through its many programs and services promotes lifelong learning opportunities and sharpens the competitive edge of Army, 2010 and beyond. As Director of Education, Ms. Stoskopf oversees policy guidance for ACES at 120 Army Education Centers and 151 Army Learning Centers worldwide. She also is responsible for and manages a budget of over $150 million, which supports the ACES's total program and services worldwide.

She is a native of Great Bend, Kan., where she graduated from Great Bend High School. After attending the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., for two years, she finished her bachelor of science degree in 1964 at Kansas State Teachers College, now Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan., and earned her masters of science with honors there in 1965. Prior to joining civil service in 1971, Ms. Stoskopf taught world history and geography at the secondary level in Baltimore, Md., and Honolulu, Hawaii. At the University of Hawaii, she studied oceanography and Chinese history/Mandarin.

Ms. Stoskopf is a 1989 graduate of Army Management Staff College. Her other significant education and training is extensive and includes: Hopkins Fellows in Change Management with honors, Johns Hopkins University, Columbia, Md.; Certificate for Advanced Graduate Studies with honors, Boston University, Boston, Mass., for course work in Management & Leadership in Human Services, Organizational Analysis, Research Methods in Behavioral Science, Leadership Education, and Organizational Behavior; Management of Life Long Education, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, Boston; and Resource Management for Executives, Harvard University/JFK School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.

Ms. Stoskopf entered civil service, in November 1971, as a Vocational Development Specialist, Camp Same San, Thailand. In August 1973, she was assigned as an Educational Counselor to Eighth U.S. Army, Yongsan, Korea, and moved to the 8th Infantry Division in August 1974 as an Education Services

Officer. In January 1977, Ms. Stoskopf returned to the United States as an Education Specialist at the Military Intelligence Center and School, Directorate of Training and Development, Fort Huachuca, AZ, where she served as Chief of Exportable Development. She was promoted in October 1978 to Senior Education Services Officer at Baumholder, Germany, where her responsibilities included overseeing five Army Education Centers, 15 Army Learning Centers, four schools of standards, and a driver's testing center.

In February 1990, she had a nine-month assignment as an Education Program Administrator, Education Division, The Adjutant General Directorate, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Alexandria, Va. In November of that same year, Ms. Stoskopf was promoted and served as Director of Education, Military District of Washington (MDW), and Education Services Officer, Fort Myer, Va. Her next position was dual-hatted and took her to Fort McNair, Va., in October 1993. There she served as Director of Education, MDW, providing major Army command policy guidance, and as Chief, Community and Family Support/Soldier Programs Division, providing policy guidance on Child Development, Morale, Welfare & Recreation and Army Community Services. In August 1995, she became the Deputy Director of Education, Department of the Army, Alexandria, Va. Ms. Stoskopf assumed her present duties in January 1997.

She has served as chairperson on numerous civilian and military education committees to include: ACES Reengineering Process Action Team (PAT); Career and Personnel Management for U.S. Army, Europe; Awards and Recognition Committee, Commission on Military Education and Training, American Association of Adult and Continuing Education; Education PAT, MDW; and Relocation Services PAT, MDW. Presently, serves on the Pricewaterhouse Coopers' Council of Academic Management, an advisory group to provide recommendations on quality improvement of eArmyU's program regarding learning effectiveness and student and faculty satisfaction. Also serves on the University Continuing Education Association's (UCEA) Executive Assembly Committee. The UCEA assists postsecondary institutions serve as a catalyst for revolutionizing learning.

Ms. Stoskopf's awards and decorations include the Commander's Award for Civilian Service; Achievement Medal for Civilian Service; the John Brian Service and Leadership Award sponsored by Council of College & Military Educators; the Army Community of Excellence Activity Award; and Commendation Certificates – Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. She has received numerous Quality Step Increases, Sustained Superior Performances, Exceptional Performances, Certificates of Achievement and Time Off and On the Spot Awards.

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