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Wendi is a retired senior officer who routinely executed duties in the role of a Chief Strategist. Wendi advised at the highest levels of leadership in the U.S. and global governments, including NATO. She has proven leadership experience in risk management, crisis management, strategic and operations planning among NATO multinational teams for cyber operations, and strategic plans to execute supply chain and logistics missions across several European countries, ensuring U.S. Army Forces are equipped to conduct critical military operations in Europe and Africa.

She played a crucial role in risk management by identifying potential challenges and devising contingency plans. Through cross-functional collaboration, she ensured that various departments are synchronized in executing the strategic initiatives. By synthesizing complex data and making informed recommendations, as Chief Strategist, she provided invaluable insights that shape not only the organization's current decisions but also its long-term viability and success.

With experience in two Joint Operations Centers covering Europe and Africa, Wendi has a strong perspective on the importance of implementing Strategic Planning, Operations Management, Finance Analysis/Budgeting, Enterprise Risk Management, Crisis Management, and Cybersecurity. As the U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) Joint Operations Center Team Chief, she assisted with managing, tracking, and reporting of all significant activities, operations, and exercises conducted throughout USAFRICOM's 53-countries Area of Operation (AOR). She managed the oversight, distribution, and management of over 90 Commander's Critical Requirements and battle drills for crises events in the AFRICOM AOR. She also monitored the execution of 22 named operations consisting of numerous counter-terrorism, humanitarian, and crisis response operations. Wendi has coordinated with Pentagon Joint Staff, National Military Control Center, Department of State, and other US Government Agencies. As the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) Joint Operations Center Executive Officer, she analyzed, monitored, and reported classified military operations and political-military situations in the European Area of Operations to include 51 countries and Israel. She forwarded classified information to diverse joint and international organization including HQ U.S. European Command, Pentagon Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, and USEUCOM Components Commands. She shapes foreign policy and critical decisions regarding foreign affairs.

Wendi was the C4 (Command, Control, Communications, Computers)/Cyberspace Future Operations Joint Planner, USEUCOM Lead Action Officer for the Department of the Defense's Joint All-Domain Control and Command (JADC2). JADC2 is the new 21st Century concept to connect sensors from all of the military services—Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force—into a single network. Once completed, DOD officials will make critical decisions within hours, minutes, or potentially seconds compared with the current multiday process to analyze the operating environment and subsequently issue directives for implementation.

As the NATO Coalition C4I (Intelligence) Exercise Planner, Wendi orchestrated strategic plans for a NATO crisis response operation in Lithuania. She provided logistics support to include financial analysis and life sustainment to conduct a global vulnerability assessment to test the ability to establish network interoperability among NATO countries in case of a crisis.

Wendi was awarded multiple military awards reflecting her excellent results, including the Bronze Star Medal. She obtained her Master of Science in Cybersecurity from University of Maryland Global Campus and her Master of Science in Cybersecurity specializing in Cyber Intelligence from Utica College at Syracuse University. She loves the beaches off the Mediterranean Sea and traveling to Greece, Italy, and Spain.