

## **Christine E. Wormuth**

### **25<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the Army**

Christine E. Wormuth served as the 25th Secretary of the Army from May 2021 to January 2025. As the civilian leader of the United States Army, Secretary Wormuth oversaw the service's \$185 billion budget and was responsible for decisions impacting nearly 1 million Active, Guard, and Reserve soldiers and more than 330,000 Army civilians. Secretary Wormuth partnered with the Chief of Staff of the Army to lead a sweeping modernization of the Army's offensive and defensive systems with a focus on long range fires and integrated air and missile defenses. She and the Chief of Staff led the transformation of Army recruiting, enabling the Army to meet its FY24 recruiting target and positioning it to make its FY25 target of 61,000 new soldiers. She also focused on quality of life for soldiers, investing more than \$2 billion annually in barracks as well as placing emphasis on family housing and daycare services.

Secretary Wormuth has worked on defense and national security policy for more than thirty years as a career civilian and as a presidential appointee. She was the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from 2014 to 2016, serving as the Secretary of Defense's top policy advisor and representing the Department of Defense on the National Security Council's Deputies Committee. Before that, she led the Pentagon's 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces.

During President Barack Obama's first term, Secretary Wormuth served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and as a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense at the National Security Council.

Prior to becoming Army Secretary, Secretary Wormuth was the Director of the International Defense and Security Center at the RAND Corporation, providing research and analytical support to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff and other organizations. During this period, she was a frequent writer and speaker on foreign policy, national security, and homeland security issues. Secretary Wormuth earlier served as the Director of the Arshat Resilience Center at the Atlantic Council, a Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and worked in the private sector on defense issues. Secretary Wormuth first entered the federal service in 1996 as a Presidential Management Fellow.