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Colonel Lea T. Kirkwood is the Program Executive Officer and Director for the Agile Combat Support Directorate at the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. She leads more than 1,600 military and civilian personnel responsible for executing \$5.1 billion annually in Air Force funds. The directorate's six divisions, located primarily at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH; Robins Air Force Base, GA; and Heath, OH, provide materiel solutions and acquisition life cycle management for simulators, support equipment and vehicles, electronic warfare and avionics, human systems, automatic test systems, and metrology and calibration to meet Air Force operational needs.

Colonel Kirkwood was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 1992. As an acquisition program manager, she has managed space, command and control, mission planning, automatic test systems, and early warning and control programs for United States and NATO operations, as well as foreign military sales. She has also led international relations at the Pentagon, in Hungary, and in the United Kingdom. Colonel Kirkwood commanded the 422d Air Base Squadron, Royal Air Force Croughton, United Kingdom, and served as Deputy Commander, 78th Mission Support Group, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, Deputy Commander, 451st Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, and Vice Commander, 72d Air Base Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. She has deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel, and for the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission.