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Ms. von Eckartsberg is at the forward edge of a 30+ year career centered on national security – Asia Pacific policy, intelligence, and technology innovation. With a career spanning 18 years in public service and 12 years in the private sector, she has a track record of building and executing programs that drive organizational change, leveraging skills in strategic planning, policy and communications.

Ms. von Eckartsberg assumed duties as Director Pacific Division, PP&O, in June 2015, where she leads policy, capabilities, force posture and budgeting for Marine Corps Asia Pacific initiatives, including realignment of forces from Okinawa to Guam, Australia and Hawaii. Previously, Ms. von Eckartsberg served as the first Deputy Director of the USMC Expeditionary Energy Office (E²O), and while a consultant, was the principal drafter of the USMC Expeditionary Energy Strategy. In the proceeding seven years, Ms. von Eckartsberg was an executive at In-Q-Tel, CIA's strategic technology investment firm, identifying and transitioning commercial technology to support intelligence missions. Ms. von Eckartsberg began her tour in the private sector by leading crisis management and corporate communications for Alticor, a U.S. multinational with markets in Japan, South Korea, India, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Ms. von Eckartsberg served in government during the earlier part of her career: Office of the Secretary of Defense / Policy as Country Director for Japan, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense/International Security Affairs, the National Intelligence Council, and as a Department of State Foreign Service Officer with assignments in Tokyo, Washington D.C. and the United Nations in New York City. She returned to government service as a Marine Corps civilian in February 2011 and was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in May 2015.

As daughter of a Navy A-4 pilot, Ms. von Eckartsberg's bent for tackling big problems is irresistible, and had been developed through a liberal arts education in Political Science and Geography at Colgate University, and Master's in Public Administration training at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and executive strategy development at Harvard Business School. She is a graduate of the US Department of State Foreign Service Institute in Yokohama Japan. Ms. von Eckartsberg speaks Japanese and is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.