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Maj. Gen. Donna D. Shipton is the deputy director of the National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Virginia. Her responsibilities include assisting the director in managing the strategic and tactical operations of the NRO. Additionally, as the Commander, Space Force Command Element, she manages all Air Force & Space Force Personnel and resources assigned to the NRO and serves as the senior advisor to the director on all military matters.



Maj. Gen. Shipton received her commission in 1991 as a distinguished graduate of Air Force ROTC after graduating from Clemson University. During her career, she has served in a variety of positions including Program Manager, Satellite Engineer, Squadron and Group Commander, Senior Materiel Leader, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition Senior Military Assistant, and Air Force Program Executive Officer.

Prior to her current position, Maj. Gen. Shipton was the Director of Strategic Plans, Programs, Requirements, and Analyses, Headquarters Air Force Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. She was responsible for command-wide strategic planning, programming, enterprise analyses, wargaming, and operational requirements. She governed the Program Objective Memorandum process for AFMC, for a budget totaling more than \$40 billion.

Maj. Gen. Shipton also served as the Vice Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, California, with duty as the Air Force Deputy PEO for Space, and PEO for Space Enterprise. She was responsible for assisting the commander in managing the research, design, development, acquisition and sustainment of space and missile systems, launch, command and control, and operational satellite systems. The Space and Missile Systems Center is the nation's center of technical expertise for military space acquisition with approximately 6,000 employees nationwide and an annual budget of \$9 billion.

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