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Formation :

BA/BS	BA, political science and economics, Drake University, 1984
MA/MS	
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Profession initiale :

Carrière :

1987-1999 : legislative assistant to Senator Daniel Akaka for def. And veterans affairs, HI
2000 - : professional staff member, military personnel subcommittee, House Armed services committee

2010/11 : est deputy staff director

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¹ n'est pas une formation mais un programme pour entrer dans l'armée

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Expertise: National security, personnel.

Congress has repealed the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy that allowed gay service members to stay enlisted as long as they kept their sexuality quiet, but this policy does not just evaporate with President Barack Obama's signature. The Defense Department will slowly implement the change and committee Democratic staff member, Debra Wada, will follow this closely.

Wada also will work on the military's health care program, known as TRICARE, and on the recruitment and compensation of those servicing in each branch.

In the 111th Congress, former Armed Services Chairman Ike Skelton, D-Mo., promoted Wada to deputy staff director saying that "Debra has a deep understanding of what makes this committee tick and an impressive knowledge of our nation's military," but with the Republican takeover of the House in the 112th Congress, Wada returned to the Military Personnel subcommittee as a professional staff member.

This is familiar territory for Wada, who spent nine years on the subcommittee, earning repeated honors for her work. In 2004, the Enlisted Association of the U.S. National Guard gave Wada the Militia Award, which then-ranking member Skelton referenced on the House floor saying: "Millions of Americans in uniform owe the improvement of their pay and benefits to Debra and her foresight and dedication."

The Military Officers Association of America honored Wada and her colleague Michael Higgins in 2005 with the Col. Paul W. Arcari Meritorious Achievement Award for their work on pay equity, health care, and the survivor benefit plan. The Military Coalition, a consortium of veterans groups, gave Wada the Freedom Award in 2007.

Before joining the committee, Wada, a Hawaii native, spent a dozen years working as a legislative assistant to Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii. She specialized in Medal of Honor winners, VA loans, and small business affairs.

Source : Almanach of the Unelected

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