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Becky Halstead, retired Brigadier General, United States Army, founded her own leader consultancy company, STEADFAST Leadership, LLC, following 27 years of service in the US military and her role as Executive Director for a leadership consultancy company. Brigadier General Halstead specializes in inspirational speaking (nationally and internationally; corporate and academic), developing leader training programs, leader coaching, consulting and advising. She authored her first book on leadership, *24/7: The First Person You Must Lead Is YOU*.

Brigadier General Halstead has more than 15 years of executive level leadership experience, developing and training high-performing, complex and diverse teams capable of strategic planning and execution. She has a proven record of leading change, building successful teams in demanding environments (Afghanistan and Iraq, Germany, South America), and creating innovative solutions, systems and programs to complex problems. She is an experienced leader and logistician, a highly effective communicator, and a strategic planner with exceptional organizational skills.

Brigadier General Halstead is a 1981 graduate of the United States Military Academy and achieved an historic milestone as the first female graduate of West Point to be promoted to General Officer. She was the senior Commanding General for logistics in Iraq, and was the first female in US history to command in combat at the strategic level. In this capacity she was responsible for leading more than 200 multidisciplinary units (20,000 military and 5,000 civilians) located across 55 different bases, providing supply, maintenance, transportation and distribution support to over 250,000 personnel serving in Iraq.

Brigadier General Halstead honorably served with the US Army and retired as a General Officer in 2008. The culmination of her career came in 2006 when she became the first female Chief of Ordnance and Commanding General of the Army's Ordnance Center and Schools (equivalent to President of a University), responsible for the leader development and institutional training for the second largest branch in the army with over 100,000 members of the Ordnance Corps.

During active service, she served in Europe as the Deputy Commanding General (Chief Operating Officer) for the 21st Theater Support Command and has experience leading a multi-national team in wholesale level logistics

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operations. Prior to Europe, she served as the Chief Advisor to the Combatant Commander (Four Star General) for Southern Command, whose responsibility encompassed military training and operations for South America. She was also responsible for coordinating directly with highlevel organizations such as Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of State, US Congress, US Ambassadors and equivalent foreign military and civilian organizations.

Brigadier General Halstead earned a B.S. in Engineering from West Point, an M.S. in National Resource Strategy (Advanced Manufacturing) from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, and an M.S. in Advanced Military Studies (Visionary Leadership) from the Army Command and General Staff College.

She is a member on the Board of Advisors for multiple organizations: Principal Solar, the Thayer Leader Development Group, Vet R.E.S.T., and Patriot Project. She is an active spokesperson for the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress with specific focus on military health care. She is also a member of the Gordian Institute; a team of accomplished thought leaders and problem solvers.

She is a recipient of the 2007 National Women's History Project award for "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." From 2009 to 2010, she served as a Commissioner on the President's Military Leadership Diversity Commission. In 2011, her leadership model was a focus of a Harvard Business School Case Study.

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