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Captain Katharine (Katie) Shobe is a native of Naperville, Illinois. She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1993, and a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from Yale University in 1999. Shobe earned a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, and a Master of Arts in National Security Strategy from the Naval War College.

Shobe was commissioned in 2000, and her first assignment as a research psychologist was at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory (NSMRL) in Groton, CT as the Human Performance Deputy Department Head. Next, she remained in Groton at the Human Performance Center Detachment, Submarine Learning Center, and her follow-on tour was at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SSC) Pacific in San Diego as the Military Group Head for the Navigation and Applied Sciences Department. In 2009 Shobe was assigned as the Head of the Behavioral Sciences and Epidemiology Department at the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) in San Diego. She deployed to Afghanistan as an individual augmentee from May 2010 until January 2011, serving as the Operations Officer for the NAVCENT Mobile Care Team.

She reported to the Office of Naval Research (ONR) in October 2012, where as Deputy Director of the Warfighter Protection and Applications Division of Warfighter Performance, she was responsible for overseeing \$112M of externally funded programs developing science and technology solutions for the improvement of warfighter performance. In August 2015, Shobe transferred to the Department of the Navy's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (DON SAPRO) as the Director of Research. She reported back to NHRC as the Executive Officer from June 2018 to June 2020. After her successful tour at NHRC, she served as Commanding Officer at NSMRL until July 2022, and then attended the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Management at the National Defense University.

Shobe served as the Specialty Leader of the Research Psychology community from March 2013 to December 2016. She also served as the Vice President of the Sea Services Leadership Association (SSLA) from 2012 to 2017. Shobe is an Acquisition Professional Member and is defense acquisition certified Level 3 in both Program Management and Engineering and Technology Management. Her personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, as well as multiple unit and campaign awards.