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Colonel Elizabeth Konon Sweet is a native of East Hartford, Connecticut. She attended Marion Military Institute, Marion, Alabama and continued her education at Florida State University where she received a Bachelor of Art in Russian Language and commissioned in May 1989 through the FSU ROTC program. Serving in the Military Intelligence Corps, her first assignment was as a Counterintelligence and Interrogation Team lead for the newly created 206th Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist), Florida National Guard, Miami, FL.

COL Sweet attended the Defense Language Institute for Spanish, acquired the Linguist designator and continued her service as Russian team leader in the 377th Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) Orlando, Florida. During her time as a linguist she served on active duty as a strategic de-briefer for Detachment L Foreign Intelligence and as Battalion S-2, Operation Joint Safe Haven, Panama. Her career then took on a National Strategic focus serving in a reserve capacity as a Senior Intelligence Analyst, National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC); on active duty as a Strategic Intelligence Officer and Kosovo Team Chief, Joint Analysis Center, Molesworth, UK; Intelligence Watch and Targeting Officer, Combined Forces Joint Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT), Qatar. In reserve status as a Strategic Intelligence Officer and Production Manager DET1, 2300 MIG in support of NSA; Source Strategies (collection manager), Operations, Intelligence Plans, and Requirements Officer, NGA Reserve IMA; Senior Intelligence Officer (Science and Technology), DET 1, 3100 SIG in support of DIA; Brigade Operations Officer (S-3) National Intelligence Support Group in support of DIA, NSA, NGIC, and the Department of State Army Counter Terrorism Unit.

As a member in the newly formed 75th Innovation Command (USAR), Houston, Texas, she served in the Chief Innovation Office as the Operations & Processes Portfolio Lead, Liaison to the Defense Advanced Research Program Agency (DARPA), and is the Army affiliate to the Undersecretary of Defense Research and Engineering (OUSD R&E) Joint Reserve Directorate.

COL Sweet is currently on active duty with the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) serving as the Army and Space Defense Engagement Lead where she works to accelerate the adoption of commercial technologies into the DoD and grow the National Security Innovation Base.

When a citizen Soldier in her civilian capacity, COL Sweet works as a Department of Defense civilian at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). As a R&D Manager and the Research Directorate's liaison to NGA's Office of Special Programs, she led technology transition, with several successful research projects placed into operations. Her technical focus areas are Geographic Information Systems, Geospatial Analysis, Analytic Methodologies, and automated image processing.

A 2016 graduate of the National Intelligence University, she earned a Master's of Science of Strategic Intelligence with a research focus on innovation, creativity, and technology diffusion in the Intelligence Community.