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Since 2000, Colonel Kolditz has been responsible for teaching, research, and outreach activities in Leadership, Psychology, Sociology, and Management at West Point, and now also serves as the founding director of the West Point Leadership Center. A highly experienced leader, Colonel Kolditz has more than 13 years in command positions, serving on four continents in his 28 years of service. He is a Fellow in the American Psychological Association and in the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, and is a member of the Academy of Management and the Society of Psychologists in Management. His most recent book, titled In Extremis Leadership: Leading as if Your Life Depended on It, was based on more than 100 interviews taken on the ground in Iraq during combat operations. He has been named as a leadership Thought Leader by the Leader to Leader Institute and as a Top Leader Development Professional by Leadership Excellence. Colonel Kolditz is among a handful of presidentially confirmed officers offered permanent tenure at West Point beyond 30 years of service. Off duty, he serves as the senior instructor on West Point's competitive sport parachute team.

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