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Sonja Maria Lohmeyer was the Inaugural Coordinator (Executive Director/Producer) for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC), responsible for producing the official ceremonies of the 58th Presidential Inauguration at the U.S. Capitol on January 20, 2017.

Maria previously served as the Public Liaison and Director of Special Events for the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. She was responsible for the design and implementation of protocol and strategic public engagement plans for official ceremonies, events, and Joint Meetings of the U.S. Congress, to include the annual State of the Union Address and the historic visit of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Maria has established a diverse portfolio in communication and change transformation, strategic planning and communications, protocol and logistics, stakeholder engagement, and national defense which spans government, private, and military sectors.

She has worked for The Walt Disney Company, Alpha Delta Pi International, Accenture Consulting, U.S. House of Representatives, Department of Defense - U.S. Navy, The White House, Booz Allen Hamilton, and the U.S. Senate.

In 2002, Maria accepted a direct commission in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Commander Lohmeyer is an active reserve public affairs officer and Iraq war veteran, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service in a combat zone.

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