

### DLA Troop Support Commander Nominated for Second Star

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Army Brig. Gen. Steven Shapiro will soon add a second star to his uniform. The Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support commander was nominated for the rank of major general by President Barack Obama.

Shapiro took command of DLA Troop Support in August 2013, overseeing \$13 billion in procurements of food, clothing, construction supplies and equipment, medical supplies, and hardware items for the military services and other customers worldwide.

He credits luck and being surrounded by good people during his career for his success.

“I’ve been in great organizations, I had great bosses, had great people who worked for me,” Shapiro said. “And I have a great family ... It’s sort of a family affair.”

Shapiro will mark 30 years of Army service in June.

### ‘Simply Proud to Serve’

U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND (APRIL 8, 2015)

Kara Wall

One of the Army’s highest ranking female officers will close out nearly 35 years of military service Friday.

Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuiston, Army Materiel Command deputy commanding general and Redstone Arsenal senior commander, is set to retire in an April 10 ceremony at AMC headquarters. McQuiston is now one of just five active duty Army three-star female generals.

McQuiston’s love for the Army began at an early age as one of seven children in a dedicated military family. Her father, a World War II and Korean War veteran, served 26 years in the Army.

“We played Army as children,” McQuiston said reflecting on her childhood. “I joke that my only break in service was those few years from when dad retired until I joined ROTC.”

She loved it then and still loves being an Army family, but a career in the military wasn’t her original plan.

Almost by chance, an Army master sergeant approached McQuiston while she was waiting in line to enroll for her first semester of classes at the University of Akron in Ohio.



DLA Troop Support Commander Army Brig. Gen. Steven Shapiro was nominated by President Barack Obama for the rank of major general.

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He spoke to her about ROTC and the possibility of a stipend and scholarship.

“I liked the idea of ROTC and told the sergeant that I would take the one-hour class if I could find the course number in the catalog before reaching the front of the line,” McQuiston said.

The one-hour class turned into a scholarship and a four-year commitment to the Army, during which she met and married her husband and biggest supporter—retired Army Col. Leif Johnson.

“I kept signing up for more time with the Army,” McQuiston said. “I didn’t have to, but I loved it.”

The couple continued to serve, some assignments together—others apart, all while raising a family and going wherever the Army called.

## AT&L Workforce—Key Leadership Changes

McQuiston said she enjoyed every assignment and approached each one as an opportunity to learn and grow. “I took every job the Army offered, and I did my best. I always kept the attitude that if this is what the Army needs me to do, then this is what I’ll do,” McQuiston said. “Some days were hard, but I loved every location I served. Most of all, I enjoyed working with the people.”

When she and her husband were serving, McQuiston said the everyday family challenges were the most difficult. “Homework, sporting events, and more than anything, ‘what’s for dinner?’ were the hardest parts of raising a family while on different assignments,” McQuiston said.

McQuiston and Johnson know full well the sacrifices of military families. “I never wanted to be away from my children,” McQuiston said. “It’s difficult just thinking about the sacrifices today’s military families make while serving multiple deployments.”

McQuiston and Johnson created a “BRAT” certificate of appreciation with their own acronym to bestow on military children and grandchildren.

“Occasionally missed birthdays, holiday, school, and sporting events are the cost of a life as an Army Family,” the certificate reads. “Through it all, your continued and untiring support reflects your Bravery, Resilience, Adaptability, and Tolerance (BRAT).”

Over the span of her career, the three-star general held seven commands, was a senior commander five times, and was stationed around the world all while juggling being a mom, a supportive military spouse, and a competent Army leader. To her, it is all she knows, and she wouldn’t have it any other way.

“I have the best support system,” McQuiston said.

McQuiston steadily rose through the ranks while completing unique assignments, including an early stint as a protocol officer, and later as a speechwriter and then special staff assistant to the Army Chief of Staff.

McQuiston’s first exposure to the Army’s business operations came in 2001 when she took command of Tobyhanna Army Depot.

“I was amazed by the sheer power of the Army’s Organic Industrial Base,” McQuiston said. “I made it my mission to educate as many people as possible about the Army’s massive business operations, working capital funds, and OIB.”



Army Lt. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston

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Following her time at Tobyhanna, McQuiston spent several assignments in the Army Materiel Command family, including roles as executive officer to the deputy commanding general, commanding general of Army Materiel Command Forward-Southwest Asia/C-4 in Kuwait, and the commanding general of Army Sustainment Command in Rock Island, Illinois.

“My time in Kuwait was the hardest job, but also the one where I grew the most,” McQuiston said. “The assignment broadened my perspective and taught me about logistical support during wartime.”

Since August 2012, McQuiston has served as Army Materiel Command’s deputy commanding general and chief of staff where she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the command including the Organic Industrial Base, Logistic Readiness Centers, and major subordinate commands.

During her tenure at AMC, McQuiston also served as senior commander of Redstone Arsenal. In that role, she constantly interfaced with the community. “Being in the Army, I’ve spent time in communities around the world, and I can truly say this community is something special,” McQuiston

said. “This is a place that feels good about itself for a lot of reasons.”

“I appreciate everyone at Team Redstone—all 72 organizations varying in size from two people to thousands,” she said. “I appreciate their willingness and cooperation to be part of the team.”

Managing a Federal Center of Excellence of 39,000 employees is no small task, and McQuiston has aimed at strengthening and growing partnerships. “As a leader, I feel it’s important to be inclusive, to educate, to bring people together,” she said.

McQuiston said she enjoyed meeting people in the community and making personal connections with veterans and military families. “The nicest thing is to hear about others,” McQuiston said. “It is such a lift to shake a hand and make a personal connection with a veteran or someone who has been touched by the military.”

Looking back, her advice to young soldiers is the same she has upheld since she was commissioned as a second lieutenant. “Competence, dedication, and an underlying idealism of the Army values are the keys to success,” she said. “Being a soldier is not only about the uniform you put on. It’s not just a suit. It is about doing the right thing. Being a soldier means you exude the Army values from the inside out.”

Looking forward to her retirement, McQuiston said she sees endless possibilities. “I don’t know what’s next, and that’s exciting,” McQuiston said. “When I first commissioned, I couldn’t even dream of all the experiences I’ve had with the Army. I’m hoping this new journey proves to be the same.”

McQuiston said she is thankful for the experiences the Army afforded her. “The Army has provided me a world of opportunities that wouldn’t have been available to me in any other endeavor that I would have ever considered,” McQuiston said. “I am simply proud that I was allowed to serve.”

### General Officer Assignments

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 10, 2015)*

The chief of staff, Air Force announced the following assignments:

- Brig. Gen. Roy-Alan C. Agustin, director, installations and mission support, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, to director, logistics, installations and mission support, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
- Maj. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, commander, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (Provisional), Air

Force Materiel Command, Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Maryland, to commander, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

- Brig. Gen. Bradley D. Spacy, director, logistics, installations and mission support, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to director, expeditionary support, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

### General Officer Assignments

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 14, 2015)*

The chief of staff, Army announced today the following assignments:

- Brig. Gen. Kenneth D. Hubbard, director for resource management, Installation Management Command, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, to director, capability and resource integration, J-8, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland.
- Brig. Gen. John P. Sullivan, chief of transportation and commandant, U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Lee, Virginia, to commanding general, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Eighth U.S. Army, Republic of Korea.

### Flag Officer Assignments

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 15, 2015)*

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced today the following assignments:

- Rear Adm. (lower half) Douglas G. Morton will be assigned as director, Energy and Environment Readiness Division, N45, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia. Morton is currently serving as deputy chief, Support/Security Agreements, Office of Defense Representative, Pakistan.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Bret J. Muilenburg, who has been selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Chief of Civil Engineers, Washington, District of Columbia. Muilenburg is currently serving as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

### Air Force Announces New AFMC Vice Commander

*AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (APRIL 16, 2015)*

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Air Force officials announced April 16, 2015, the assignment of Maj. Gen. Warren D. Berry as vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command. He is currently the director of logistics at Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base,

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Illinois. Officials also announced the retirement of current vice commander Maj. Gen. H. Brent Baker.

As AFMC vice commander, Berry will be responsible for providing acquisition management services and logistics support required to develop, procure, and sustain a variety of Air Force weapon systems. The command conducts research, development, test and evaluation of warfighter technology.

Berry entered the Air Force in 1988 as a distinguished graduate from the ROTC program at the University of Notre Dame. He entered active duty as an acquisition officer at before cross-training into aircraft maintenance in 1992. He served as an Air Staff logistics programmer; commanded the 435th Mission Support Group at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and the 78th Air Base Wing at Robins AFB, Ga.; and served as the assistant deputy director for Western Hemisphere Political-Military Affairs on the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. Prior to his current assignment, Berry was the director of logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base.

Baker will retire after 36 years of service. He entered the Air Force in 1979 as an enlisted member and was commissioned in 1985 through Officer Training School after graduation from Southern Illinois University. Prior to his role as AFMC vice commander, he served as the command's director of logistics.

No dates have been announced for the pending moves.

### General Officer Announcement

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 22, 2015)*

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Air Force Maj. Gen. Timothy M. Ray for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as commander, Third Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Ray is currently serving as director of global power programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Washington, District of Columbia.

### General Officer Assignment

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 22, 2015)*

The chief of staff, Air Force announced the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck, who has been selected for the grade of major general, from director, operations and readiness, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to director, operations and plans, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.



Air Force Maj. Gen. Warren D. Berry

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### General Officer Assignments

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 27, 2015)*

The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignments:

- Maj. Gen. Duane A. Gamble, assistant deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia, to commanding general, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.
- Brig. Gen. (promotable) Steven A. Shapiro, commander, Defense Logistics Agency troop support, Defense Logistics Agency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to assistant deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Brig. Gen. (promotable) Flem B. Walker Jr., commanding general, 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Knox, Kentucky, to director for logistics operations and readiness, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Brig. Gen. John F. Haley, commandant, U.S. Army Ordnance School, U.S. Army Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort Lee, Virginia, to commanding general, 593d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

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- Col. (promotable) Christopher J. Sharpsten, director for logistics operations and readiness, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia, to commanding general, 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Knox, Kentucky.

### General Officer Announcement

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 29, 2015)*

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Maj. Gen. Jeffrey G. Lofgren, for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as deputy chief of staff for capability development, Supreme Allied Command Transformation, Norfolk, Virginia. Lofgren is currently serving as deputy commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, and deputy, combined forces air component commander, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia.

### Department Announces New Chair of the Defense Business Board

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 29, 2015)*

The White House and the Department of Defense announced today that Michael Bayer will return as the chair of the Defense Business Board (DBB).

Bayer, a former member and chair of the DBB, is also a current member of the Defense Science Board and the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel.

“I am so pleased that Michael Bayer has agreed to return to chair the Defense Business Board at this crucial time,” said Secretary of Defense Ash Carter. “We need Michael’s energy and expertise to bring the very best private sector ideas and actionable solutions to the Department. Bob Work and I look forward to working with him and the DBB.”

Bayer is currently the president and CEO of Dumbarton Strategies, in Washington, D.C. The current chair, Robert “Bobby” Stein, has been asked by the secretary to advise the deputy secretary on the implementation of the defense business reform initiatives that were developed under his tenure with the DBB.

“I want to thank Bobby Stein for the outstanding work done supporting the Department as the chair of the DBB,” said Deputy Secretary of Defense Bob Work. “The reports and perspective provided by the Defense Business Board have been invaluable in improving the business operations of the Department.”

The DBB will convene again in July. The DBB was established in 2002 to provide the Secretary of Defense and other senior

Department leaders with independent advice on private sector best business practices for consideration and potential application to the Department’s operations.

More information on the Defense Business Board can be found at <http://dbb.defense.gov/>.

### Air Force Announces Retirement of AFSC Commander

*AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MAY 7, 2015)*

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Air Force officials announced May 7, 2015, the retirement of Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield, commander of Air Force Sustainment Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The general will retire effective June 5, 2015, after 34 years of service.

Litchfield entered the Air Force in 1981 as a distinguished graduate from the ROTC program at Norwich University, Vermont. His career spans diverse logistics and acquisition assignments supporting weapon systems at wing, major command, Air Staff, and the Joint Staff levels. He has commanded squadron and group levels in addition to commanding two wings and was the director of logistics, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Prior to his current



Air Force Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield

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assignment, he was the commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker.

As AFSC commander, Litchfield ensures the center provides operational planning and execution of Air Force Supply Chain Management and Depot Maintenance for a wide range of aircraft, engines, missiles, and component items in support of AFMC missions. He is responsible for operations that span three air logistics complexes, three air base wings, two supply chain management wings, and multiple remote operating locations, incorporating more than 32,000 military and civilian personnel. In addition, he oversees installation support to more than 75,000 personnel working in 140 associate units at the three AFSC bases.

On Feb. 13, 2015, Air Force officials announced the President's nomination of Maj. Gen. Lee K. Levy II to the rank of lieutenant general with assignment as AFSC commander.

Air Force officials have also announced the assignment of Col. Steven J. Bleymaier—currently director of staff at AFMC headquarters—as commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Complex, Hill AFB, Utah.

### General Officer Announcement

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (APRIL 30, 2015)*

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Michael G. Dana for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as deputy commandant for installations and logistics. Dana is currently serving as J-5, director for strategic planning and policy, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.

### Military Sealift Command Pacific Welcomes New Commander

*MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MAY 8, 2015)*

*Sarah Burford*

SAN DIEGO—Military Sealift Command's San Diego-based area command, MSC Pacific, welcomed its new leader today as Capt. David Dry assumed command from Capt. Michael Taylor during a ceremony aboard the *USS Midway* Museum in San Diego. Dry joins the MSC team following a tour of duty as the deputy director, Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course (SOSMRC) at the Surface Warfare Officers School, Newport, Rhode Island.

Since his commissioning through the NROTC program at the University of Missouri, Dry has held a wide variety of assignments that include sea tours on *USS Cape St. George* (CG 71), *USS The Sullivans* (DDG 68), *USS Valley Forge* (CG 50), *USS O'Brien* (DD 975), and *USS Benfold* (DDG 65). He was

the commanding officer of *USS Gravelly* (DDG 107) where he deployed to the commander, U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility as air defense commander in support of ballistic missile defense operations.

Dry's shore tours include duty on the staff of commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific, and deputy chief, J35 (Training Division and Stability Academy) for United States Forces-Iraq Joint Headquarters in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

"The mission of MSC is far reaching across the spectrum of DoD operations. I'm excited to be a part of the MSC team and the numerous operations that MSC performs, all of which are vital to our national security," said Dry. "Ensuring our Navy is prepared and able to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at-sea is the heart of what MSC does, and I look forward to leading the team of professionals at MSCPAC."

Dry relieves Taylor who, during his two years in command, has overseen a wide range of operations and exercises, including two Operation Deep Freeze resupply missions to Antarctica, the 2014 Rim of the Pacific exercise, and the pre-operational readiness testing of *USNS Montford Point* (MLP 1), *USNS John Glenn* (MLP 2), and *USNS Millinocket* (JHSV 3).

Taylor received the Legion of Merit award for his performance as commander of MSCPAC by Rear Adm. Kevin C. Hayes, deputy commander, MSC.

The event also included the retirement ceremony of Taylor who brings to a close a distinguished 27-year naval career that began in 1988 with his graduation from the NROTC program at San Diego State University, and included command of *USS Ford* (FFG 54) from 2006–2008.

"My two years at MSC has been the best tour of my career," said Taylor. "I was extremely optimistic about this tour when I accepted the orders to MSCPAC and there hasn't been one day that I was disappointed in my choice. This has been a great two years. I have been a part of some exciting exercises and programs. The rollout of the mobile landing platform and the testing leading up to the MLPs going operational has been one of the highlights of my tour. This has been a great command to complete my Navy service."

MSCPAC is one of five worldwide operational commands that are part of the Navy's Military Sealift Command, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia. MSCPAC is responsible for MSC ships operating in the Eastern Pacific and is dual-hatted as commander, Task Force 33, directing the underway de-

livery of fuel, provisions, ordnance, and towing services to Navy combatants in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of responsibility. For more news from Military Sealift Command, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/MSC/>.

### General Officer Assignment

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (MAY 12, 2015)*

The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignment: Maj. Gen. Ole A. Knudson, program executive, programs and integration, Missile Defense Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, to deputy director, Missile Defense Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

### General Officer Announcements

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (MAY 20, 2015)*

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nominations:

- Marine Corps Col. Gregory L. Masiello, has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Masiello is currently serving as the director and program manager, F-35 Follow-On Development, Joint Program Office, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Marine Corps Col. Steven D. Sklenka, has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Sklenka is currently serving as the executive assistant to the deputy commandant for installations and logistics, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, District of Columbia.

### General Officer Assignments

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (MAY 22, 2015)*

The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignments:

- Maj. Gen. Paul C. Hurley Jr., deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to commanding general, 1st Sustainment Command (Theater), Kuwait.
- Maj. Gen. Darrell K. Williams, commanding general, 1st Sustainment Command (Theater), Kuwait, to commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command/Sustainment Center of Excellence and Fort Lee, Fort Lee, Virginia.
- Brig. Gen. (Promotable) Flem B. Walker Jr., commanding general, 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Knox, Kentucky, to deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Evans, U.S. Army Reserve, deputy director, force protection and counter weapons of mass destruction, J-8, Joint Staff, Washington, District of Columbia, to deputy commanding general, operations, Troop Program Unit, 80th Training Command, Total Army School System, Richmond, Virginia.

- Brig. Gen. Norman B. Green, U.S. Army Reserve, commander (Troop Program Unit), 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, to deputy commander (Troop Program Unit), 377th Theater Sustainment Command, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Brig. Gen. Kenneth D. Jones, U.S. Army Reserve, commander (Troop Program Unit), 451st Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Wichita, Kansas, to commander (Troop Program Unit), 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.
- Brig. Gen. Kurt J. Ryan, commanding general, 593d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to commandant, U.S. Army Ordnance School, U.S. Army Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort Lee, Virginia.

### General Officer Announcement

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (MAY 22, 2015)*

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva for appointment to the rank of general, and for assignment as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia. Selva is currently serving as commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

### AF Assigns New Chief Scientist

*SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMAND INFORMATION (MAY 22, 2015)*

*Senior Airman Hailey Haux*

WASHINGTON—The Air Force announced the Service's new chief scientist to serve as a science and technology advisor to the secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff of the Air Force, May 21.

Dr. Greg Zacharias will be the 35th chief scientist and is ready to "dive in" to his new role.

"I am deeply honored to even be considered, let alone selected [for this position]," Zacharias said. "It was an offer I couldn't refuse and an opportunity to try and return something to the Air Force for all the opportunities it's given me since I was a second lieutenant assigned to Johnson Space Center back in the '70s."

Given the demands of the Air Force and the acceleration of technology, Zacharias is ready for the task at hand.

"I'm looking forward to it," Zacharias said. "Especially learning about what the Air Force does on a day-to-day basis, what the science and technology community has to offer to maintain the Air Force's technological edge, and how I

can help make more connections between the two communities.”

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III underlined the vital role he will play in the Air Force’s science and technology community.

“Science and technology are critical to the Air Force and having an independent voice with fresh ideas and approaches can make a tremendous difference,” Welsh said. “I know Dr. Zacharias will bring us novel and creative ideas to current and future challenges.”

Along with being the science and technology advisor to the CSAF and SecAF, Zacharias will also be responsible for keeping them aware of science and technology developments in the Defense Department and other areas of interest.

“(I will show them) how we can improve current operations in an evolutionary sense and maybe even how we can make some ‘leaps’ by embracing revolutionary technologies,” Zacharias said. “I also hope to reach out to different communities to encourage [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics] education.”

Working outside the Air Force and running a small business, Zacharias feels he will bring a new outlook to the table.

“My work with larger research organizations taught me the importance of collaboration across government, industry, and academia, and how each organization has something unique to offer,” Zacharias said. “My recent experience with running a small business [showed me] even though different organizations can put up barriers that optimize their own local objectives, those barriers can be overcome when everyone realizes we’re all in this together to get technology to the warfighter better and faster than anyone else.”

Being [part of] an Air Force with airmen powered by innovation, Zacharias said it plays a key role in the science and technology field.

“I hope to be able to help the chief and secretary recognize the potential of, not only new technology, but how it can be

used in novel ways operationally, and maybe change the way we do business,” Zacharias said. “Certainly the introduction of autonomous systems, as one example, can provide great leverage, but it also comes with challenges in terms of command and control as well as potential cyber and [communications] vulnerabilities. How to manage all that to our advantage is the challenge facing us, but the payoff could be huge.”

With June’s schedule already three-quarters booked, Zacharias is energized to get started with an immediate goal of “not getting too lost trying to navigate the building.”

### Flag Officer Assignment

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (MAY 26, 2015)*

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced today the following assignment: Capt. Yancy B. Lindsey, selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commandant, Naval District Washington, Washington Navy Yard, District of Columbia. Lindsey is currently serving as executive assistant to the assistant secretary of the Navy for energy, installations and environment, Washington, District of Columbia.

### General Officer Assignments

*DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (MAY 29, 2015)*

The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignments:

- Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, program executive officer, command, control and communications (Tactical), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, to deputy commanding general, support, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, Afghanistan.
- Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, director, business operations, Office of Business Transformation, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army, Washington, District of Columbia, to director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Department of Defense Human Resources Activity, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Alexandria, Virginia.