

New Leadership for Air Force Acquisition, Logistics

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
(FEB. 11, 2016)



Darlene J. Costello, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and Logistics

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WASHINGTON—Today, Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James announced that Darlene Costello, a senior acquisition official in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L), is assuming the duties of the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and Logistics.

Costello replaces Richard Lombardi, who was reassigned to duties outside of the Air Force acquisition portfolio. This reassignment follows Lombardi's voluntary disclosure that he had not reported a Northrop Grumman retirement account held by his spouse in his annual public financial disclosure form.

After being informed of the matter, James removed Lombardi's acquisition duties, and referred the issue to the Department of Defense Inspector General.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(FEB. 2, 2016)

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

- Air Force Brig. Gen. Carl A. Buhler for appointment to the rank of major general. Buhler is currently serving as director of logistics, engineering, and force protection, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Cedric D. George for appointment to the rank of major general. George is currently serving as deputy director for resource integration, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Patrick C. Higby for appointment to the rank of major general. Higby is currently serving as director of cyberspace strategy and policy, Office of Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark K. Johnson for appointment to the rank of major general. Johnson is currently serving as commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Donald E. Kirkland for appointment to the rank of major general. Kirkland is currently serving as director of logistics, civil engineering and force protection, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Duke Z. Richardson for appointment to the rank of major general. Richardson is currently serving as Air Force program executive officer for tankers, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Office of the As-

sistant Secretary for Acquisition, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

- Air Force Brig. Gen. Bradley D. Spacy for appointment to the rank of major general. Spacy is currently serving as director of expeditionary support, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.
- Air Force Col. Michael A. Guetlein for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Guetlein is currently serving as the senior materiel leader, Remote Sensing Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California.

Oklahoma City's Deputy Director Retires after 54-Year Career

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY DISTRIBUTION PUBLIC AFFAIRS
(FEB. 4, 2016)

Brianne M. Bender

DLA Distribution Oklahoma City Deputy Director Augustus Mays Jr., has retired from federal service after a 54-year career.

Assuming the position of deputy director of DLA Distribution Oklahoma City, Okla., in March 2004, Mays assisted in providing retail and wholesale supply, transportation, and logistics support to the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center and all Tinker Air Force Base tenant activities to include the 552nd Air Control Wing, 507th Air Refueling Wing, 3rd Combat Communications Group, United States Navy Command Strategic Wing One, and 38th Engineering Installation Group.

A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, Mays' military career spanned 42 years in a variety of logistics assignments that included major command and joint staff billets. He is experienced in all facets of logistics operations including logistics plans, flight line maintenance, and supply and transportation support activities. He has commanded two supply squadrons, a logistics group, and two of DLA Distribution's major distribution centers.

As deputy director of DLA Distribution Oklahoma City from March 2004 to January 2016, Mays' leadership and tireless efforts resulted in significant and enduring contributions to DLA and the nation. He improved the distribution center's record of performance, implemented a monthly performance review "Deep Dive" process that correlated key performance indicators for the issue and receipt operations, and created a quality office and initiated quality audits to support the Audit Readiness Program.

Further, Mays' initiatives increased logistics excellence and maximized warfighting capability and efficiency. He led DLA Distribution Oklahoma City to enhanced mission partnerships as well as increased readiness, sustainability, and accountability. Under his leadership, the DLA Oklahoma City Voluntary Protection Program Coordination Team increased VPP Stage II completion by over 30 percent. With his guidance, the team accomplished 18 of the more challenging and difficult tasks and achieved an overall completion rate of 88.14 percent. His leadership now has DLA Distribution Oklahoma City in Stage III and well on the way to completing the VPP challenge.

"Mr. Mays has always led from the front and enforced high standards of performance and excellence," said LaViolette. "His distinguished record of performance reflects great credit upon himself, the Air Force, the Defense Logistics Agency, and the Department of Defense."

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(FEB. 4, 2016)

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: Henrietta K. Brisbon has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and has been assigned as vice procurement services executive and deputy chief, Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization, Fort Meade, Maryland. Brisbon previously served as chief, U.S. Coast Guard Procurement Policy and Oversight, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, District of Columbia.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(FEB. 5, 2016)

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

- Maj. Gen. Robert D. McMurry Jr., vice commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California, to commander, Air Force Research Laboratory, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Col. Mark A. Baird, who has been selected for the grade of brigadier general, from special assistant to the commander, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to vice commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California.

Former DLA Distribution Commander Announced as Incoming Commander to 8th Theater Sustainment Command

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY DISTRIBUTION PUBLIC AFFAIRS
(FEB. 19, 2016)

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pennsylvania—Former Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Commander Army Maj. Gen. Susan Davidson has been announced as the incoming commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Davidson, currently serving as commanding general, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., commanded DLA Distribution from June 2012 to May 2014.

During her tenure at DLA Distribution, the organization greatly contributed to reducing the agency's storage footprint. Faced with a goal of returning 2.3 million square feet of storage to lower overhead and maintenance costs, DLA Distribution ultimately turned in over 4.1 million square feet of storage space, which included the shift of all operations from its Sharpe, Calif., site to Tracy, Calif.

Additionally, the organization implemented a major initiative that leveraged government transportation to move materiel to customers. This initiative saved money by combining government shipments and avoiding individual shipments from single vendors to each customer.

Under Davidson's leadership, Distribution provided humanitarian relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Over 6 million commercial meals, 4,000 cases of Meals-Ready-to-Eat, 96 unitized group rations, 150,000 blankets, 5,000 cots, and 24,000 feet of wire, in addition to lighting kits, cables, and flatware were delivered to affected areas of the country within days.

General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(FEB. 19, 2016)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced the following assignment: Brig. Gen. James C. Vechery, director of logistics, Headquarters U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany, to director, operational capability requirements, deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.



Former Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Commander Army Maj. Gen. Susan Davidson has been announced as the incoming commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Photo by DLA Distribution Public Affairs

Senior Executive Service Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(FEB. 19, 2016)

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointments:

- Keisha Dawn Bell has been appointed as general counsel, Defense Contract Management Agency, Fort Lee, Virginia. Bell previously served as the deputy general counsel with Defense Contract Management Agency and deputy general counsel at the Merit Systems Protection Board for five years. Before that she served almost 14 years with the Department of Justice, including as a trial attorney; senior trial attorney; and the deputy chief of the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division.
- William G. Conley has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy director, electronic warfare, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Conley previously served as a pro-

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gram manager, mechanical engineer, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Arlington, Virginia.

- Christopher C. O'Donnell has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. O'Donnell previously served as an engineer with the Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, Virginia.
- Amanda R. Simpson has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy assistant secretary of defense for operational energy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Simpson previously served as executive director, Energy Initiatives Task Force, Department of the Army, Arlington, Virginia.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS (FEB. 23, 2016)

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Marine Corps Col. Daniel B. Conley has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Conley is currently serving as the assistant chief of staff, G-4 Logistics, Marine Corps Forces Central Command, Tampa, Florida.

Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS (FEB. 24, 2016)

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson announced today the following assignments:

- Rear Adm. (lower half) Gordon D. Peters will be assigned as program executive officer, Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault and Special Mission Programs, Patuxent River, Maryland. Peters is currently serving as commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division; and as-

sistant commander for research and engineering, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland.

- Capt. Shane G. Gahagan, selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division; and assistant commander for research and engineering, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland. Gahagan is currently serving as program manager for Air Warfare, PMA-298; and program executive officer for Tactical Aircraft Programs, Patuxent River, Maryland.

Pentagon to Establish Defense Innovation Advisory Board

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY (March 2, 2016)

WASHINGTON, March 2, 2016 — In an effort to enhance the Defense Department's culture, organization, and processes by tapping innovators from the private sector in Silicon Valley and beyond, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced plans today to establish a Defense Innovation Advisory Board, Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook said. The initiative represents the secretary's enduring commitment to building lasting partnerships between the public and private sectors, Cook said in a statement.



Defense Secretary Ash Carter meets with Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of Google parent company Alphabet and new chairman of the first DoD Innovation Advisory Board, during the RSA Security Conference in San Francisco, March 2, 2016.

DoD photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Tim D. Godbee

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“Just as the Defense Business Board provides advice to the department on best business practices from the private sector, the Defense Innovation Advisory Board will provide advice on the best and latest practices in innovation that the department can emulate,” Cook added.

The board’s mandate is to provide department leaders independent advice on innovative and adaptive means to address future organizational and cultural challenges, the press secretary said, including the use of technology alternatives, streamlined project management processes, and approaches—all with the goal of identifying quick solutions to DoD problems.

Areas Deeply Familiar in Silicon Valley

The board will seek to advise the department on areas that are deeply familiar to Silicon Valley companies, such as rapid prototyping, iterative product development, complex data analysis in business decision making, the use of mobile and cloud applications, and organizational information sharing, Cook said, and will not engage in discussion of military operations or strategy.

Alphabet Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt will chair the board, which will be composed of up to 12 people who have successfully led large private and public organizations and excelled at identifying and adopting new technology concepts, Cook said.

Carter and Schmidt will jointly select the board, Cook said. “Members will represent a cross-section of America’s most innovative industries, drawing on technical and management expertise from Silicon Valley and beyond,” he added.

As chairman of Alphabet and as the author of *How Google Works*, Schmidt has a unique perspective on the latest practices in harnessing and encouraging innovation, and on the importance of technology in driving organizational behavior and business operations, Cook said.

Air Force Announces New AFMC Executive Director

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
(MARCH 3, 2016)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Air Force officials announced March 3, 2016, the assignment of Patricia M. Young as the executive director of Air Force Materiel Command. She is currently the director, Washington Headquarters Services, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The command’s current executive director, Michael Gill, will retire effective April 1 after 34 years of service.



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Young and Gill are both members of the Senior Executive Service.

As executive director, Young will advise the AFMC commander in managing all aspects of the command’s mission, serve as the services contracts advocate, and oversee the command’s small business program. As the command’s senior civilian, she will also advise the commander on labor union relations and development of the civilian workforce. Civilians make up more than 70 percent of the command—the highest percentage among all Air Force major commands—and AFMC employs 40 percent of the total Air Force civilians.

Prior to Young’s appointment as director of Washington Headquarters Services in March 2015, she was the assistant deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations, and mission support at Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Young was previously assigned to U.S. Transportation Command, where she served as deputy director of logistics and

business operations, as deputy director for strategies and policy, and as deputy to the commander at the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command. She entered the Senior Executive Service in 2002.

Gill's previous assignments include serving as the director of the TRICARE Regional Office South, as the director of contracting at AFMC, as the executive director of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, and as the executive director of the Ogden Air Logistics Complex (formerly Ogden Air Logistics Center) at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Gill entered the Senior Executive Service in 2001.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(MARCH 4, 2016)

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

- Brig. Gen. Evan M. Miller, director of logistics, engineering and protection, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, to director for logistics, engineering and security cooperation, Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.
- Col. Christopher D. Hill, who has been selected for the grade of brigadier general, from deputy director, resources integration, A4, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to director of logistics, engineering and force protection, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Flag Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(MARCH 8, 2016)

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. (lower half) John P. Neagley, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as program executive officer for Littoral Combat Ships, Washington, District of Columbia. Neagley is currently serving as deputy commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, California.

Senior Executive Service Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(MARCH 11, 2016)

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointments:

- John G. McGinn has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the principal deputy director, manufacturing and industrial base policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and

Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. McGinn previously served as a specialist leader with Deloitte Consulting LLC, Arlington, Virginia.

- John J. Garstka has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy director, cyber, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Garstka previously served as an operations research analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia.
- Richard W. Linderman has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy director, information systems and cyber security, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Linderman previously served as chief scientist, information, Department of the Air Force, Rome, New York.
- Melissa L. Flagg has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy assistant secretary of defense for research, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Flagg previously served as a senior program officer, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.
- Jagadeesh Pamulapati has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy director, Defense Laboratory Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Pamulapati previously served as an electrical engineer, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Arlington, Virginia.
- Jane O. Rathbun has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy director, defense business systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Rathbun previously served as an operations research analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia.
- Ronald E. Tickle has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the Executive Director, DoD Siting Clearinghouse, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Tickle previously served as the director, operations, readiness and sustainment, Department of the Navy, Arlington, Virginia.
- Terence Emmert has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy assistant secretary of defense, materiel readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Emmert pre-

viously served as a supervisory program analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia.

- John C. McNellis has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as the deputy assistant secretary of defense, space, strategic and intelligence systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. McNellis previously served as the corporate senior vice president; and president with the L-3 Communications Aerospace Systems Group, Rockwall, Texas.

Reassignments

- George D. Duchak has been assigned as the executive advisor, Defense Innovation Unit Experimental, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, District of Columbia. Duchak previously served as the director, information, Department of the Air Force, Rome, New York.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(MARCH 15, 2016)

The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignments:

- Maj. Gen. John W. Baker, commanding general, 7th Signal Command, Theater, Fort Gordon, Georgia, to commanding general, U.S. Army Network Enterprise, Technology Command; and deputy commanding general, Second Army, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.
- Maj. Gen. Edward F. Dorman III, commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, to director for logistics, J-4, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.
- Maj. Gen. Brian J. McKiernan, commanding general, First Army Division East, Fort Meade, Maryland, to commanding general, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
- Maj. Gen. John B. Morrison Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Network Enterprise, Technology Command; and deputy commanding general, Second Army, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, to commanding general, Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Maj. Gen. Mark J. O'Neil, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to chief of staff, U.S. Army Pacific, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.
- Maj. Gen. Paul A. Ostrowski, deputy for acquisition and systems management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Washington, District of Columbia, to deputy commanding general for support, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Afghanistan.
- Maj. Gen. Steven A. Shapiro, assistant deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia, to deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.
- Brig. Gen. William E. Cole, deputy program executive officer, missiles and space, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, to program executive officer, simulations, training and instrumentation, Orlando, Florida.
- Brig. Gen. Richard B. Dix, commander, Defense Logistics Agency, Distribution, Defense Logistics Agency, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, to commanding general, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command, Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois.
- Brig. General Jeffrey W. Drushal, deputy assistant chief of staff, C-4/J-4, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea, Republic of Korea, to chief of transportation; and commandant, U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Lee, Virginia.
- Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farnen, commanding general, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command, Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, to commanding general, U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.
- Brig. Gen. Rodney D. Fogg, commanding general, 13th Sustainment Command, Expeditionary, Fort Hood, Texas, to commandant, U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.
- Brig. Gen. John A. George, director, Requirements Integration Directorate, Army Capabilities Integration Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, to director, force development, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Brig. Gen. David T. Isaacson, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, to deputy chief of staff, G-6, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- Brig. Gen. Ronald Kirklin, commandant, U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia, to assistant deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Brig. Gen. John S. Kolasheski, deputy commanding general, maneuver, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, to commandant, U.S. Army Armor School, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, Georgia.
- Brig. Gen. David P. Komar, director, business operations, Office of Business Transformation, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army, Washington, District of Columbia, to director, Requirements Integration Directorate, Army

Capabilities Integration Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

- Brig. Gen. Randall A. McIntire, deputy director of strategy, plans and policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia, to commandant, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
- Brig. Gen. Daniel G. Mitchell, deputy commanding general for support, Installation Management Command, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, to deputy commanding general for operations, Chief of Staff, Installation Management Command, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.
- Brig. Gen. Mark W. Odom, deputy commanding general, operations, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to director, concept development and learning, Army Capabilities Integration Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.
- Brig. Gen. Leopoldo A. Quintas Jr., director, concept development and learning, Army Capabilities Integration Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, to deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- Brig. Gen. Michel M. Russell Sr., chief of transportation; and commandant, U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Lee, Virginia, to deputy assistant chief of staff, C-4/J-4, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea, Republic of Korea.
- Brig. Gen. Kurt J. Ryan, commandant, U.S. Army Ordnance School, U.S. Army Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort Lee, Virginia, to commanding general, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.
- Brig. Gen. Eric L. Sanchez, commanding general, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, to commanding general, White Sands Missile Range, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.
- Brig. Gen. Christopher L. Spillman, commandant, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to commanding general, 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, Texas.
- Brig. Gen. William A. Turner, commandant, U.S. Army Field Artillery School, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to deputy commanding general, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.
- Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, deputy director, program analysis and evaluation, G-8, Washington, District of Columbia, to commanding general, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning, Fort Benning, Georgia.
- Col. (Promotable) James E. Bonner, director of materiel, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia, to commandant, U.S. Army

Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(MARCH 16, 2016)

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

- Navy Reserve Rear Adm. (lower half) Deborah P. Haven has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Haven is currently serving as commander, Defense Contract Management Agency International, Fort Lee, Virginia.
- Navy Reserve Capt. Alan J. Reyes has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Reyes is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for reserve operations, Naval Supply Systems Command Global Logistics Support, San Diego, California.

Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(MARCH 17, 2016)

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

- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Christian D. Becker has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Becker is currently serving as program executive officer for command, control, communications and intelligence, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, California.
- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) William J. Galinis has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Galinis is currently serving as commander, Regional Maintenance Center, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael T. Moran has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Moran is currently serving as program executive officer for Tactical Aircraft Programs, Patuxent River, Maryland.
- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Paul J. Verrastro has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Verrastro is currently serving as commander, Naval Supply Systems Command Weapons System Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

General Officer Assignments

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

- Brig. Gen. Bradley D. Spacy, who has been selected to the grade of major general, from director, expeditionary sup-

port, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, to commander, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

- Col. Linda S. Hurry, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from commander, 635th Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, to director, expeditionary support, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.
- Brig. Gen. Mitchel H. Butikofer, director, command, control, communications and cyber systems, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, to vice commander, 24th Air Force, Air Force Space Command; and commander, Air Forces Cyber, U.S. Cyber Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.
- Col. Angela M. Cadwell, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from executive officer to the deputy commander, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany, to director, command, control, communications and cyber systems, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(MARCH 18, 2016)

The Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations announced today the following assignments:

- Rear Adm. (lower half) Paul J. Verrastro, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as director of logistics, J-4, United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. Verrastro is currently serving as commander, Naval Supply Systems Command Weapon Systems Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Ross A. Myers will be assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Fifteen, North Island, California. Myers is currently serving as deputy director for nuclear, homeland defense and current operations, J-33, Joint Staff, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Charles F. Williams will be assigned as commander, Task Force Seven Zero/commander, Carrier Strike Group Five, Yokosuka, Japan. Williams is currently serving as commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific/commander, Task Force Seven Three/commander, Navy Region, Singapore.

AFMC Executive Director Reflects on Career Start, Successes After 34 Years

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
(MARCH 18, 2016)

Monica D. Morales

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—What began as uncertainty toward the possibility of an Air Force career transformed into a 34-year commitment for Air Force Materiel Command Executive Director Michael A. Gill, who retires April 1 after spending three years in the command's top civilian post.

"We all talk about retirement, but you don't realize just how quickly the time goes," Gill said. "I can't believe I've gotten to the end because I enjoyed the ride so much."

More than three decades ago, the prospect of an Air Force job was not foremost in the mind of a college-aged Gill, who grew up near Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, watching F-15s fly overhead and living with his mother who also had a successful Air Force career.

A stint in the Robins contracting office changed that mindset, however, and introduced Gill to a career field he said he equated with being a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

"Both my parents had worked for the Air Force and I had a comfort level and I knew the mission," he said. "It just seemed like the right fit."

That opportunity set the course for a diverse career that would eventually include three assignments at Headquarters AFMC and jobs at three different bases in the command. As executive director, Gill now advises the AFMC commander in managing all aspects of the command's mission, in addition to advising her on labor union relations and development of the civilian workforce.

Gill's most recent tenure here began as AFMC reached full operational capability of the then-newly established five-center construct. It was that climate of transition and focus on efficiency that would lay a foundation for what Gill regards as accomplishments on the job.

"I take a lot of pride in being a part of the planning, the implementation, and the latter part of the five-center—and now six-center—construct," Gill said.

Similarly, he pointed to a collaboration with small business that yielded "incredible" results within the command and the services portfolio he manages. This, Gill said, was yet an-

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other example of the command's commitment to efficiency and small business.

"The command has exceeded its small business goals the last two years, and that's the first time we've done that," he said. "I think together we've broken the code on how we can best leverage our small business community."

Gill also cites as a success the partnership between AFMC and American Federation of Government Employees Council 214, which has brought the Voluntary Protection Program, flexible work schedules, and fitness programs to the command's largely civilian workforce.

"I consider that a success from the standpoint that I think we've done some things with the partnership that highlight what good we can do for our people while supporting the mission—and that really is the ultimate goal," Gill said.

That partnership has also most recently included work related to the command's transition to Acquisition Demonstration, a personnel system that Gill said will "give more latitude over personnel processes related to assigning and moving employees, and compensating them for their contributions."

With these accomplishments now nearly a part of his career past, Gill said that his post-AFMC plans are gradually becoming clearer. While not all of those plans are solidified, Gill is quick to point out where his attention will be re-directed.

"Family, friends, hobbies, and probably doing some things my schedule just doesn't permit me to do today," he said.

When reflecting on career highlights, Gill said that successes are memorable, but the team dynamics and relationships that accompany them are unforgettable.

"I will have a lot of fond memories of all the great things we've done," Gill said, "Of it all, though, I will miss the camaraderie of what comes with being a member of the Air Force family ... because it is a family."

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE, PRESS OPERATIONS
(MARCH 24, 2016)

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

- Col. Alexis G. Grynkewich, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from chief, integration and planning; and deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to vice deputy director



Air Force Materiel Command Executive Director Michael A. Gill, retired April 1 after spending three years in the command's top civilian post.

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- for nuclear, homeland defense, current operations, J-33, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Brig. Gen. Kyle J. Kremer, executive officer to the commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, to director, manpower and personnel, J-1, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Col. Bradley C. Saltzman, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from executive officer, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, to director, future operations, deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Col. Andrea D. Tullos, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from commander, 42nd Air Base Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, to director of security forces, deputy chief of staff for logistics, engineering and force protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.

Laskodi Named Next Commander of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution

DLA DISTRIBUTION PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MARCH 25, 2016)

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pennsylvania—The Army Chief of Staff has announced that Army Col. (Promotable) John S. Laskodi will be the next commander of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution. Laskodi is currently serving as director, Strategic Logistics Integration (G-4/5/7), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, United States Army at the Pentagon.

He is a native of New Jersey and graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelors of Science in Political Science and History, and holds a teaching certification from the state of New Jersey. He earned a Master of Science degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University.

Laskodi enlisted in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer in 1982, serving at Fort Sill, Okla., and Karlsruhe, Germany, rising to the rank of sergeant before leaving active duty to attend Rutgers University. After commissioning, he served in the Army Reserve as the executive officer for B Company, 1st Battalion, 309th Infantry Regiment. After reentering active duty in 1990 and attending the Ordnance Officer Basic and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Courses, he assumed command of the 38th Ordnance Detachment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), Fort Stewart, Georgia, deploying the unit to Kuwait in support of Operation Intrinsic Action.

After attending the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Laskodi assumed command of the EOD Detachment of the 1st U.S. Army Support Battalion, Sinai, Egypt. His following assignments included: S3 plans officer and group adjutant for the 45th Corps Support Group and later the S2/3 for the 17th Corps Support Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; group maintenance officer for the 101st Corps Support Group, and later the support operations officer and battalion executive officer for the 561st Corps Support Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, deploying in January 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, then deploying with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in March 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom; G4, logistics operations officer for NATO's Allied Land Component Command (Madrid), deploying to Iraq in January 2006 with the NATO Training Mission - Iraq; and commander, 189th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion deploying the battalion to Kandahar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XVIII from January 2008 until April 2009. Laskodi assumed command of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade on July 26, 2011, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, arriving from Alexandria, Vir-



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ginia, where he served as chief, Enlisted Ordnance Branch, U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

Laskodi's military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, Explosive Ordnance Disposal School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Logistics Executive Development Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Laskodi's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign

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Medal, NATO Medal, Multinational Force and Observers Medal (2 awards), Kuwait Liberation Medal-Government of Kuwait, Senior EOD Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

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Dix Announced as Next Commander of Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY DISTRIBUTION PUBLIC AFFAIRS
(MARCH 24, 2016)

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pennsylvania—Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Commander Army Brig. Gen. Richard B. Dix has been announced as the next commanding general, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command, Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

The Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command aligns three organizations to execute the Army's munitions and lethality mission: the Program Executive Office for Ammunition; the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center; and the Joint Munitions Command.

The Army Sustainment Command provides logistics by synchronizing acquisition, logistics, and technology support from the strategic through the operational to the tactical level. ASC serves as Army Materiel Command's single face to the field to provide combat service support capability to soldiers serving in combat commands in the continental United States as well as overseas.

Dix, who will assume his new position in late spring, has served as DLA Distribution commander since May 29, 2014. With more than 25 years in the Armed Forces, Dix has served the nation as a leader at every level. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Dix graduated from Armor Officer Basic Course. He served as tank platoon leader, A Co, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, 24th Infantry Division.

He also served as the executive officer for A Co, HQ Command, and 224 Forward Support Battalion during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. The brigade deployed to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where Dix served as the Bde S-4 Fwd during Operation Desert Defiance. Upon redeployment, he served as the chief of supply and services, 32nd Army Air Defense Command G-4.

Dix served in Germany, where he was assigned to the 21st Theater Support Command (TSC). He also served as the

deputy chief of plans and exercises G-3, 21st TSC; Group S-3, 29th Support Group (SG); support operations officer, 200th Materiel Management Center; brigade executive officer, 29th SG; culminating as the 29th SG rear group commander during the group's successful deployment as the Joint Logistics Command (JLC) for Combined Joint Task Force-76 (CJTF-76), Afghanistan Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF VI).

From July 2009 to July 2010, Dix successfully commanded the 401st Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) in Bagram, Afghanistan. From July 2010 to July 2012, he served as the chief of staff for the Army Sustainment Command. Dix served as the executive officer to the deputy chief of staff, G-4, from July 2012 to August 2013.

Dix comes to DLA Distribution after having served as the director of Strategy and Integration G-4/5/7 for the deputy chief of staff of the Army, G-4.



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Dix attended Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where he also received a Master of Arts in Procurement and Acquisition Management from Webster University. He is a 2009 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. In 1987, he graduated from South Carolina State University's Army ROTC Program with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

Dix's military awards include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the NATO Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service/Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Cassel Named Next Distribution Current Operations Director

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY DISTRIBUTION PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MARCH 25, 2016)

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pennsylvania—Joe Cassel has been selected as director, DLA Distribution Current Operations. Currently, he serves as director, Stakeholder Integration Services, DLA Information Operations.

In his current position, he leads more than 1,400 personnel with a budget of approximately \$500 million, supporting over 35,000 global IT customers. He is responsible for numerous key organizations including Document Services, Logistics Information Services, and enterprise IT services such as deployed contingency operations and strategic communications. He also serves as a liaison to the Defense Information Systems Agency.

From 2007 to 2013, Cassel served as both Distribution Standard System project manager and J6N director, serving 14,000 customers at 24 DLA Distribution and Disposition sites and was responsible for management of all aspects of the network, data center, cyber-security, and end-user computing. As the DSS PM, he led and oversaw DSS systems life-cycle management, to include substantial Defense Information Systems Agency support, and implemented numerous enhancements to support Army and Marine Corps Base Realignment and Closure, the Defense Transportation Coordination Initiative, the Nuclear Weapons-Related Materiel program, and the Inization Business Initiative.

Cassel is a retired colonel, with 26 years' service in the U.S. Marine Corps that included capstone assignments as commander, Defense Logistics Information Service, Battle

Creek, Michigan; director of Logistics, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California; and commanding officer of the forward-deployed Marine Corps Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 22. His command tenure at DLIS included successful organizational changes, business process re-engineering, enterprise IT upgrades, new development in Defense Department-wide asset visibility and data quality efforts, and national recognition for e-government and teleworking initiatives.

While at 1st Marine Division, he led logistics planning for strikes in Afghanistan and the war in Iraq to include supply, transportation, maintenance, finance, and logistics IT systems. As CO MSSG-22, Cassel was the commander of troops aboard the USS Shreveport (LPD-12), and his logistics battalion participated in three major coalition field exercises in Egypt, Israel, and Jordan.

During his Marine Corps career, he deployed in support of combat and contingency operations in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983; the Philippines and Desert Storm in 1991; Liberia in



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1993; Rwanda in 1994; the Balkans and Iraq in 1995; and the Middle East from 1999 to 2000.

During this time, Cassel performed systems development work in maintenance management and wholesale inventory systems, initiated quality assurance for \$2 billion of wholesale inventory, developed provisioning measures for new combat ground equipment, stood up and managed a \$250 million desert logistics equipment training effort, and implemented bar code technology to simulate maritime pre-positioned force deployments.

From 2005 to 2007, he was an executive for a Fortune 100 company with IT and program manager responsibilities in military health systems; this included round-the-clock, global IT support, systems engineering, software development, and technology innovation.

Cassel is a Society of Logistics Engineers-Certified Professional Logistician. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from West Chester State University, Pennsylvania; a Master of Science from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California; and Master's degrees from both the Naval and Army War Colleges. His 10 personal military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, as well as numerous team awards. In 2005, the National Defense University certified him as a Federal Chief Information Officer. In 2012, he re-attained Global Information Assurance Certification Security Leadership Information Assurance Management Level 3 certification, and is a graduate of the Senior Fellow Program at the Harvard JFK School of Government.