

Christine Fox Named Acting Deputy Defense Secretary

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (DEC. 3, 2013)

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WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced today that President Barack Obama has appointed Christine H. Fox to serve as acting deputy defense secretary.

Fox is a “brilliant defense thinker and proven manager,” Hagel said.

Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter departs tomorrow, and Fox is scheduled to assume her duties the following day, making her the highest-ranking woman ever to serve in the Defense Department. Until June, she served as the director of DOD’s Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation.

“Over the last five years, Christine has played a key role in helping shape solutions to the core challenges facing the Department of Defense,” a senior defense official said.

Secretary Hagel relied on Fox’s judgment and deep analytical expertise during the Strategic Choices and Management Review earlier this year, the official said.

“As a key leader of the Strategic Choices and Management Review, she helped identify the challenges, choices, and opportunities for reform facing the department during this period of unprecedented budget uncertainty,” Hagel said.

Fox’s appointment enables Hagel to add a senior manager to his leadership team at a pivotal moment for the department and permits the existing senior management team to remain in place and continue their critical leadership of the military services and DoD components, the official said.

“She will be able to help me shape our priorities from day one because she knows the intricacies of the department’s budget, programs, and global operations better than anyone,” Hagel said.

Flag Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 18, 2013)

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced the following assignment: Rear Adm. (lower half) Alma M. Grocki will be assigned as deputy chief of staff for fleet maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Grocki is currently serving as Navy Reserve deputy chief of staff for fleet maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.



Christine Fox will serve as deputy defense secretary until a permanent deputy is confirmed by the Senate.

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General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 18, 2013)

The chief of staff, Army announced the following general officer assignments:

- Maj. Gen. Darrell K. Williams, deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to commanding general, 1st Sustainment Command (Theater), Fort Bragg, N.C., and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- Brig. Gen. Edward M. Daly, special assistant to the commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Lee, Va., to deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Col. William E. Cole, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, chief of staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics & Technology), Washington, D.C., to deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command/senior commander, Natick Soldier Systems Center, Natick, Mass.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 29, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Air Force Brig. Gen. Catherine A. Chilton for appointment to the rank of major general. Chilton is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the military deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 29, 2013)

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

- Maj. Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., deputy commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command; deputy, Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia, to director, operations, strategic deterrence and nuclear integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
- Col. Sam C. Barrett, who has been selected for the grade of brigadier general, deputy director, operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to director, Central Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia.

President Announces Intent to Nominate Key AF Position

AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE (OCT. 30, 2013)

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate several key administration posts Oct. 30, to include a pivotal Air Force position.

According to the announcement, Dr. William LaPlante Jr. was named to be nominated by the president as assistant secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

LaPlante is currently the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, a position he has held since May.

Prior to this job, LaPlante held positions at MITRE Corporation and the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, and has more than 28 years of experience in defense technology.

He began his career at Johns Hopkins University in 1985 and served in various capacities until 2011, including Global Engagement department head, Business Area Executive for Undersea Warfare and National Security Technology Associate department head, and the Strategic Submarine Security Program area manager.

LaPlante was appointed to the Defense Science Board in 2010. He has also been a member of the U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group and an adjunct lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Catholic University of America.

He received a B.S. from the University of Illinois, an M.S. from Johns Hopkins University, and a Ph.D. from Catholic University of America.

NAVFAC Welcomes New Deputy Commander

NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (OCT. 31, 2013)

Don Rochon

WASHINGTON—Rear Adm. Paula C. Brown reported for duty as the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) deputy commander and deputy chief of civil engineers, before receiving her second star at a promotion ceremony Oct. 30 at NAVFAC headquarters in the Washington Navy Yard.

NAVFAC is a global organization that manages the planning, design, construction, contingency engineering, real estate, environmental, and public works support for U.S. Navy shore facilities around the world.

“It’s hard to describe how much pride I have serving our country and our great Navy in these challenging times,” said Brown. “I am very humbled by this honor, and I will do my absolute best to help NAVFAC and all the Reserve Civil Engineer Corps [CEC] officers under my watch.”

Before coming to NAVFAC headquarters, Brown served as the deputy commander of First Naval Construction Division in Little Creek, Va.

The old adage “coming full circle” certainly applies in this case, as Brown started her Navy career in Washington D.C. as an ensign working for the former NAVFAC Command Chesapeake Division.

A Washington state native, Brown graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., and was a direct commission to the CEC in July 1982. She reported to active duty in Washington D.C. from October 1982 through December 1986. She completed a master’s degree at George Washington University in January 1987 and subsequently affiliated with the Navy Reserves in 1988.

Her command tours include commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 18 from 1999 – 2001, when the battalion was awarded the Pacific Battle E, and commander, First Naval Construction Regiment, Port Huemene, Calif., from 2003 – 2005. Brown was mobilized as the commander, 30th Naval Construction Regiment (rear) for seven months in Pearl Harbor with the Pacific Seabees, and then served as commander, 30th Naval Construction Regi-

ment (forward) in Iraq from September 2005 to March 2006.

Returning from her Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment, she became the commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, contingency officer in charge of construction, then served as deputy chief of staff for Engineering, commander Naval Forces Korea.

Brown also served a six-month active duty tour as vice commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific in 2009. Her first flag officer assignment was as deputy commander, First Naval Construction Division.

She has filled a variety of positions including being recalled to active duty during Desert Shield/Storm and has had staff tours with the First Naval Construction Regiment, 31st Naval Construction Regiment, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, Third Naval Construction Brigade, Engineering Field Activity Pacific, and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Headquarters.

A qualified Seabee Combat Warfare officer, Fleet Marine Force qualified officer, and Defense Acquisition Workforce Level III contracting officer, Brown has completed Joint Professional Education levels I and II, earned the Legion of Merit (3), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Battle E, Navy Unit Commendation, and the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Brown is a registered civil engineer in both Oregon and California and an environmental engineer in Oregon.

For more news from Naval Facilities Engineering Command, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/navfachq/>.



AF Appoints New Space Deputy

by Staff Sgt. Carlin Leslie

AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AGENCY, OPERATION LOCATION-PENTAGON (DEC. 3, 2013) . Dr. Troy Meink is the newly appointed Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space. Meink was appointed Nov. 18, 2013, and assumed his new role with the goal of championing the space mission across the Department of Defense, while ensuring cooperation among various DoD, intelligence, civil, commercial, and international communities.

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General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 31, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Army Col. Daniel G. Mitchell, for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Mitchell is currently serving as deputy commander, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 12, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service reassignment: Alan F. Estevez has been assigned as principal deputy undersecretary of defense (acquisition, technology and logistics), Washington, D.C. Estevez previously served as assistant secretary of defense (logistics and materiel readiness), Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 13, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced today that the president has made the following nominations:

- Air Force Col. Thomas G. Clark has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Clark is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
- Air Force Col. Brett J. McMullen has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. McMullen is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the deputy assistant secretary for contracting, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 15, 2013)

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

- Rear Adm. Paula C. Brown will be assigned as deputy commander, naval facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C. Brown previously served as deputy commander, First Naval Construction Division, Virginia Beach, Va.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Mark J. Fung will be assigned as deputy for naval construction force, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Virginia Beach, Va. Fung previously served as deputy chief of staff, First Naval Construction Division, Virginia Beach, Va.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 21, 2013)

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

- Maj. Gen. Timothy M. Ray, director, operational planning, policy and strategy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to director, global power programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Air Force Global Strike Command, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., to deputy director, command, control and nuclear operations, J3, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Timothy G. Fay, deputy director, command, control and nuclear operations, J3, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to director, operational planning, policy and strategy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.