

Installation Management Command Welcomes New Commander

U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND (APRIL 8, 2014)

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SAN ANTONIO—Lt. Gen. David Halverson took command of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command from Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter during a ceremony on MacArthur Parade Field, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston April 8.

Halverson, who also becomes the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, or ACSIM, came to U.S. Army Installation Management Command, known as IMCOM, from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Com-

mand, where he served as deputy commanding general for almost two years.

"When we go to war, it is IMCOM that stays home and takes care of our families," said Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Campbell, who presided over the ceremony. "So, we put our best and brightest to that task. I have full faith in this new team."

Campbell congratulated Halverson on his accomplishments and for his ability to carry on, facing the challenges of today's Army.

The ceremony was attended by Joint Base San Antonio senior leaders, civic partners from the City of San Antonio, and



Army Lt. Gen. David D. Halverson (left) accepts the colors from Army Gen. John F. Campbell (center), vice chief of Staff of the Army, and assumes duties as commanding general of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, as outgoing IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter (right) looks on, during a change-of-command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field, April 8, 2014.

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IMCOM region and garrison command teams, headquarters staff, employees, and families.

In his first address as the ACSIM and IMCOM commanding general, Halverson expressed gratitude for his family and the opportunity to lead IMCOM. Halverson pledged to continue unwavering in the service of soldiers and families.

“Karen and I are so pleased and proud to be here today,” Halverson said. “We’re excited to continue to serve. To Mike and Margie [Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Ferriter], I would like to especially thank you both for your hard work. IMCOM and ACSIM set the conditions of Army success.”

Halverson concluded his remarks by saying that both he and his wife, Karen, would put every effort into ensuring the continued success of the command and looked forward most to getting to know the team.

A West Point graduate, Halverson served tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Prior to joining U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, he served as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Okla.

Campbell said that as a long-time friend and battle buddy of both incoming and outgoing general officers, he was especially glad to preside. He commended Ferriter for his tireless efforts in support of the Army family.

“I’ve known Mike Ferriter for 30 years. Mike Ferriter’s accomplishments reflect his will and his work. Under his leadership, IMCOM has excelled,” said Campbell.

The Army Vice Chief of Staff cited Ferriter’s many accomplishments in support of Army communities, such as Gold Star recognition and survivor support, instituting a culture of fitness, defining IMCOM’s roles in readiness and resilience, and above all team building.

“Mike is a team player, who builds cohesion and, as he so often remarks, always plays with his cards out,” Campbell explained.

Ferriter served as both the ACSIM and IMCOM commander since November 2011. Under his leadership, IMCOM successfully navigated through many challenges, such as sequestration and government shutdown. He worked to raise awareness of critical issues affecting soldiers, families, and civilians. Under his command, IMCOM improved Child Development Center processes, broadened access to services for Gold Star families—survivors of the fallen—and helped

define Army Readiness and Resilience through more than 150 programs and services.

“IMCOM has global reach,” said Ferriter, at the ceremony. “Two thirds of the world is covered by water and the other third is covered by IMCOM.”

Drawing attention to the impact that the command has on Army mission success, Ferriter recalled his proudest work—honoring survivors.

“Somewhere in the Army today is a two-year-old whose father or mother was killed in combat,” he said. “[Caring for him] — that’s what it’s all about.”

Ferriter intends to retire this year. The ceremony is scheduled to take place at Fort Benning, Ga., with his wife, Margie, and a host of family and friends attending.

Ferriter had special words of thanks for the Gold Star families in attendance and for their courage to tell their stories for a series of public service announcements. He recognized his family, including his father, now deceased who entered the Army as a private, fought during WWII, and raised a “great Army family”; his brother, John Ferriter, for his inspiration and his wife.

“Margie, I couldn’t have done this without you,” Ferriter said. Lastly to the men and women of Installation Management Command he gave one last order, “Do your best and never, never, never quit.”

NAVSEA Establishes New Directorate

NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

(APRIL 14, 2014)

WASHINGTON—Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) announced the establishment of the Acquisition and Commonality directorate April 14.

The new directorate, led by Rear Adm. Thomas Kearney, focuses on lowering acquisition costs and reducing the number of unique components such as valves in the Navy’s ships and systems. It also increases the sea service’s ability to incorporate and update new capabilities when considered as part of an item’s life-cycle strategy.

“This directorate brings together billets and personnel dedicated to moving forward commonality of people, parts, and processes through promoting and enabling exchange within government and between government and industry,” said Kearney. “Creating a new directorate to lead this effort is a

testament to NAVSEA's dedication to reducing acquisition and life-cycle costs, and to improving the development and operation of the acquisition workforce's program management competency."

Aligning to the command's strategic business plan, the new directorate serves as the central point of contact for policy, common business processes, and tools for systems commonality, acquisition policy, and the National Shipbuilding Research Program. It also functions as the contact and primary interface between NAVSEA and the Naval Expeditionary Combat Enterprise/Naval Expeditionary Combat Command for all matters pertaining to acquisition and in-service support of Expeditionary Missions and Navy Small Arms programs. Additionally, Kearney serves as Milestone Decision Authority for several Expeditionary Missions programs.

For more news from Naval Sea Systems Command, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/navsea/>.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 14, 2014)

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

- Air Force Maj. Gen. Samuel A. Greaves, nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif. Greaves is currently serving as deputy director, Missile Defense Agency, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.
- Air Force Lt. Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski, nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as military deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Pawlikowski is currently serving as commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
- Air Force Maj. Gen. John F. Thompson, nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as commander, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Thompson is currently serving as Air Force program executive officer for tankers, Tanker Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Warren D. Berry, nominated to the rank of major general. Berry is currently serving as director of logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

- Air Force Col. Walter J. Lindsley, nominated to the rank of brigadier general. Lindsley is currently serving as director of staff, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 14, 2014)

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

- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Mark W. Darrah, nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Darrah is currently serving as commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division and assistant commander for research and engineering, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md.
- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Mathias W. Winter, nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Winter is currently serving as program executive officer for strike weapons and unmanned aviation, Patuxent River, Md.
- Navy Reserve Rear Adm. (lower half) Althea H. Coetzee, nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Coetzee is currently serving as contingency contracting deputy director, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Reserve Rear Adm. (lower half) Martha E.G. Herb, nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Herb is currently serving as reserve deputy commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Reserve Rear Adm. (lower half) Valerie K. Huegel, nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Huegel is currently serving as commander, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, Williamsburg, Va.
- Navy Reserve Capt. Keith M. Jones, nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Jones is currently serving as commanding officer, U.S. Pacific Fleet Logistics Readiness Center, Headquarters 120, San Diego, Calif.
- Navy Reserve Capt. Matthew A. Zirkle, nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Zirkle is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve, Office of Naval Research/Naval Research Laboratory Science and Technology, Detachment 111, San Diego, Calif.

Air Force Shuffling Space Acquisition Leadership

Steve Skotte

Air Force Lt. Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski, the current commander of the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) at Los Angeles, AFB has been nominated for assignment as military deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Pentagon. Air Force Maj. Gen. Samuel A. Greaves will replace Pawlikowski and has been

nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general. Greaves is currently serving as deputy director, Missile Defense Agency, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

The Space and Missile Systems Center, a subordinate unit of Air Force Space Command, is the center of technical excellence for developing, acquiring, fielding, and sustaining military space systems. SMC's mission is to deliver resilient and affordable space capabilities. The center is responsible for on-orbit check-out, testing, sustainment, and maintenance of military satellite constellations and other Department of Defense space systems.

Skotte is a professor at the Defense Acquisition University.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 17, 2014)

The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignments:

- Maj. Gen. Edward F. Dorman III, assistant deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C., to commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.
- Maj. Gen. Richard L. Stevens, commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, to deputy commanding general for military and international operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Christopher F. Bentley, commandant, U.S. Army Field Artillery School, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Okla., to deputy commanding general, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.
- Brig. Gen. Margaret W. Burcham, commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Great Lakes and Ohio River, Cincinnati, Ohio, to director, J-1, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Duane A. Gamble, deputy commanding general, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., to assistant deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Richard G. Kaiser, deputy chief of staff for operations, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, England, to commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Great Lakes and Ohio River, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Brig. Gen. Daniel G. Mitchell, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., to deputy commanding general, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Col. Frank M. Muth, selected for the rank of brigadier general, deputy commander, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley,

Kan., to director, Army Quadrennial Defense Review Office, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 17, 2014)

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service reassignment: Yvette Burke, assigned as the Acquisition Executive, Defense Logistics Agency-Acquisition, Defense Logistics Agency, Richmond, Va. Burke previously served as the executive director, Aviation Contracting and Acquisition Management, Defense Logistics Agency, Richmond, Va.

Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 21, 2014)

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

- Rear Adm. David J. Gale, assigned as program executive officer for ships, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. Gale is currently serving as deputy commander for surface warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington Navy Yard, D.C.
- Rear Adm. David H. Lewis, assigned as commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Lewis is currently serving as program executive officer for ships, Washington Navy Yard, D.C.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Lawrence E. Creevy, assigned as deputy commander for surface warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. Creevy is currently serving as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Washington Navy Yard, D.C.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Christopher J. Murray, assigned as commander, Naval Safety Center, Norfolk, Va. Murray is currently serving as assistant chief of staff, operations, Allied Joint Forces Command, Naples, Italy.
- Capt. Jon A. Hill, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), assigned as program executive officer for Integrated Warfare Systems, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. Hill is currently serving as major program manager for Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 28, 2014)

The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignment: Maj. Gen. Kevin G. O'Connell, deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., to commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.



Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel passes the command flag to Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva, the incoming commander of U.S. Transportation Command, during the change-of-command ceremony at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., May 5, 2014. Selva relieves Air Force Gen. William M. Fraser III, the outgoing commander, whose retirement caps 40 years of service.

DoD photo by Glenn Fawcett

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 2, 2014)

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

- Maj. Gen. Dwyer L. Dennis, program executive officer for fighters and bombers, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to director, global reach programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Col. Eric T. Fick, selected for the grade of brigadier general, from program executive officer for intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and special operations forces, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to program executive officer for fighters and bombers, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Hagel Presides Over Transcom Change of Command

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (MAY 5, 2014)

Cheryl Pellerin

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel today welcomed Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva as the new commander of U.S. Transportation Command and celebrated the accomplishments of the departing commander, Air Force Gen. William M. Fraser III, who will retire after 40 years of service.

“Today, we gather to honor Will and Bev Fraser, and to welcome Paul and Ricki Selva back to Transportation Command, and to reaffirm Transcom’s indispensable role in assuring the global reach of the U.S. military,” Hagel said during the ceremony at the Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, parade field.

“It’s no exaggeration to say that our military could not do its job without Transcom’s capabilities on the ground, at sea, and in the air,” the secretary told the audience. “You help keep our people fed, our equipment fueled, and you help get

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everyone and everything to where they need to be on a scale that surpasses any organization in the world.”

The current age is one in which people expect immediate gratification, and that’s not easy, Hagel said.

“Though Transcom doesn’t always get the recognition it deserves, every field commander, every troop, knows that when it absolutely, positively has to be there—overnight or not,” the secretary said, mimicking an ad used by a popular global delivery services company, “they can always count on Transcom to deliver.”

Hagel noted that Fraser was a bomber pilot before coming to Transcom, and said that didn’t stop him from succeeding at the command. The secretary evoked the words of Transcom’s first commander, Air Force Gen. Duane H. Cassidy: “Leadership does not depend upon whether you can operate the equipment. You can be taught how to fly airplanes, operate tanks, or drive ships; you cannot be taught how to be a leader. You have to be willing to make a commitment to somebody other than yourself.”

“That’s the kind of leader General Fraser is,” Hagel said. “And he made that commitment to all of you because he had a keen understanding of Transcom’s importance [and] its responsibilities, not only in giving his aircraft the midair refueling they needed to complete all missions, but in making sure that the entire military had the mobility, the agility, and the flexibility that has always been the hallmark of our force.”

Under Fraser’s leadership, Transcom has operated on every continent, from drawing down U.S. forces in Afghanistan to transporting scientists and equipment to and from the U.S. research center in Antarctica, Hagel said.

“What General Fraser says is true: ‘The sun never sets on Transcom,’” the secretary added.

On Fraser’s watch, Transcom has transported more than 1.1 million passengers, flown nearly 950 million pounds of air cargo, dispensed some 300 million gallons of tanker fuel, and shipped over land and sea roughly 1.6 billion pounds of cargo and 900 million gallons of fuel, the secretary said.

Fraser also led Transcom in undertaking the most comprehensive and collaborative strategic planning effort in the command’s 26-year history, giving his successors the guidance to understand Transcom’s responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities, Hagel observed.

“He had a vision that was not only about logistics, but also about relationships,” he said. “Having learned the diplomatic dimension of global affairs as military aide to Secretary of State [Condoleezza] Rice, General Fraser was able to forge new relationships and strengthen existing partnerships, traveling as often as necessary to ensure that Transcom could always accomplish its missions.”

Fraser embraced Transcom’s role in DoD’s expanded mission of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, he added, helping to make Transcom a force for good around the world whenever disaster struck.

And, Hagel said, when the United States took on the responsibility of a task that had never been done before—destroying at sea one of the world’s largest stockpiles of chemical materials from Syria—Fraser helped to ensure that the MV Cape Ray was activated and modified for its mission.

“It is now General Selva’s responsibility to continue this work,” the secretary said.

“After growing up watching Air Force tanker and cargo aircraft fly in and out of the Azores, he found his future and he found his wife, Ricki, at the U.S. Air Force Academy,” Hagel said. “This began a career of excellence spanning nearly 35 years in uniform.”

In that time, Selva proved himself a unique leader who embraces change and innovation, he added.

“Just recently, as the leader of Air Mobility Command, he oversaw the critical design review for America’s newest refueling tanker, the KC-46, and personally delivered the final C-17 to complete the Air Force’s fleet,” the secretary said.

Selva helped to deploy new aeromedical evacuation teams that not only get wounded patients out of difficult locations quickly, but also perform critical stabilizing surgery before takeoff or while in-flight, Hagel added. He also brings to the table diplomatic expertise on par with Fraser’s, the secretary added, having succeeded Fraser as military aide to Rice and staying on to advise Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton for more than two and a half years.

“General Selva’s time in the front seat of diplomacy and his openness to new ideas will be critical assets as he takes command of Transcom at this important time in our history,” Hagel told the audience.

“General Fraser,” the secretary added, “we wish you and Bev and your family all the best as you conclude nearly four

decades of distinguished service to your country. Everyone here today knows that together, you delivered.”

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 5, 2014)

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Marine Corps Reserve Colonel Helen G. Pratt for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Pratt is currently serving as the deputy commander, 4th Marine Logistics Group, New Orleans, Louisiana.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 6, 2014)

The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignments:

- Brig. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, commanding general, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, to director, joint and integration, office of the deputy chief of staff, G-8, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Brig. Gen. Clarence D. Turner, commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, South Pacific, San Francisco, California, to commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, South Atlantic, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Brig. Gen. Michael C. Wehr to commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Mississippi Valley, Vicksburg, Mississippi. He most recently served as director, joint engineering directorate, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, and commander, Transatlantic Division (Forward), Afghanistan.

Flag Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 6, 2014)

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. (lower half) Dietrich H. Kuhlmann III, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as deputy director for resources and acquisition, J8, Joint Staff, Washington, District of Columbia. Kuhlmann is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group NINE, Silverdale, Wash.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 8, 2014)

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

- Brig. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck, commander, Defense Logistics Agency Energy, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to director of operations, deputy chief of staff, operations, plans and requirements, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

- Brig. Gen. Mark M. McLeod, director of logistics, engineering and security assistance, Headquarters United States Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, to commander, Defense Logistics Agency Energy, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 8, 2014)

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

- Rear Adm. Peter J. Fanta will be assigned as director, Surface Warfare Division, N96, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia. Fanta is currently serving as deputy director for resources and acquisition, J8, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
- Rear Adm. Vincent L. Griffith will be assigned as director, logistics operations, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Griffith is currently serving as commander, Naval Supply Global Logistics Support, San Diego, Calif.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 9, 2014)

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

- Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark A. Brown, nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Brown is currently serving as the director, financial management, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Roger W. Teague, nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Teague is projected to serve as the director, space programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Naval Supply Systems Command Global Logistics Support Welcomes New Commander

NAVSUP GLS CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (MAY 15, 2014)

Sam Samuelson

SAN DIEGO—Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Global Logistics Support (GLS) held a change of command ceremony aboard the *USS Midway* Museum, May 15.

Rear Adm. James R. McNeal relieved Rear Adm. Vincent L. Griffith as commander. He recently served as NAVSUP GLS deputy commander.

Griffith's next assignment will be as director, Logistics Operations (J3), Defense Logistics Agency.

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NAVSUP GLS, a San Diego-based component of the Naval Supply Systems Command in Mechanicsburg, Pa., is headquarters for a network of eight Fleet Logistics Centers around the globe, from Yokosuka, Japan, across the United States, to Sigonella, Italy, and Bahrain.

As the “logistics face to the fleet,” NAVSUP GLS and its global logistics centers provide an extensive array of integrated global logistics and contract services to the Navy, Marine Corps, joint operational units, and allied forces across all warfare enterprises around the world.

Rear Adm. Jonathan Yuen, commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, and chief of Supply Corps, served as guest speaker for the historic change of command in which, for the first time in its history, the relieving commander is affiliated with the U.S. Navy Reserve.

In addition to his previous Navy role as deputy commander, NAVSUP GLS, McNeal remains a well-known local business executive in San Diego.

Opening the ceremony, Yuen addressed the NAVSUP GLS employees’ roles supporting the warfighter.

“As the leader of NAVSUP, I am focused on answering the question, ‘Can you fight?’ That question does not mean can you pick up a gun and pull the trigger, necessarily,” Yuen said.

“‘Can you fight’ means in larger terms, as an organization and as an individual, what are you doing to enable our country to do its business and conduct missions around the world, and do that in an ethical and judicious manner.

“The Navy is entrusted with billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of people—our nation’s treasures,” Yuen continued.

“We must ensure we protect and utilize these treasures not only within established rules and procedures, but just as importantly, strive to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the resources.”

Outgoing NAVSUP GLS Commander Rear Adm. Griffith said working with the NAVSUP GLS team was the highlight of his tenure at NAVSUP GLS.

“When I assumed command of NAVSUP GLS, I knew I was joining an elite team of logisticians—both military and civilian,” Griffith said. “This team is talented, committed, and tenacious, and support for the warfighter has been center stage in all of our business lines.

“Today, after a short, but extremely rewarding tour as your commander, I have only the highest respect for each member of this team. Together, you have embodied three enablers of success that have been critical to me throughout my career: empathy, empowerment and collaboration. You have built and nurtured a culture of dignity and mutual respect here at NAVSUP GLS.”

Griffith concluded, “Today, we are welcoming in Adm. McNeal, a leader who, in my observation, exemplifies these key leadership traits. On top of his many years’ of experience as a Supply Corps officer, Jim also brings a wealth of commercial



Army Lt. Gen. Michael E. Williamson (PMILDEP/DACM) addresses graduates of the 2011 Competitive Development Group/Army Acquisition Fellowship (CDG/AAF). The graduation ceremony was held on May 19, 2014, at the Defense Acquisition University main campus, Fort Belvoir, Va.

DoD photo by Glenn Fawcett

experience to the table. I have every confidence in Adm. McNeal’s ability to build NAVSUP GLS into an even greater, effective, efficient, and strategic partner with our fleet forces and shore customers and warfighters around the globe.”

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For more news from Naval Supply Systems Command, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/navsup/>.

Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 16, 2014)

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) Louis V. Cariello will be assigned as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, Norfolk, Va. Cariello is currently serving as deputy commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command/deputy commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific, Virginia Beach, Va.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) James R. McNeal will be assigned as commander, Naval Supply Global Logistics Support, San Diego, California. McNeal is currently serving as deputy commander, Global Logistics Support Command, San Diego, Calif.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Cynthia M. Thebaud will be assigned as commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Two, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Thebaud is currently serving as commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific/Commander, Task Force 73/Commander, Navy Region Singapore.

Welcoming the Army's New PMILDEP/DACM

U.S. ARMY ACQUISITION SUPPORT CENTER (May 2014)

Lt. Gen. Michael E. Williamson became the principal military deputy (PMILDEP) to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology (ASA/ALT) and the director, acquisition career management (DACM) on April 4. Williamson most recently served as deputy commanding general, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom.

Williamson assumes the PMILDEP/DACM roles with a wealth of acquisition experience behind him. In particular, we at the Army DACM Office of the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) remember him fondly during his tenure in this office. As a Functional Area 51 major assigned as the chief, Information Management and Analysis, Army Acquisition Executive Support Agency, he was instrumental in developing the precursor to the Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System (CAPPMS), the repository for all acquisition workforce requirements and personnel data.

Williamson subsequently served as Centrally Selected List (CSL) Product Manager for the Global Command and Control System-Army, and then the Acquisition Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. He served as commander

of Software Engineering Center-Belvoir and was then assigned as the CSL Project Manager, Network Systems Integration, Future Combat System (Brigade Combat Team). He then served as the director of Systems Integration within the Office of the ASA/ALT, as the deputy program manager, Program Executive Office, Integration, and as the Joint Program Executive Officer, Joint Tactical Radio Systems. He is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certified in Program Management and Information Technology, and Level I certified in Contracting.

As the DACM, Williamson's goal is to ensure a deliberate, centralized, and coordinated process to optimize leader development. He's already making a significant impact on the acquisition workforce with his talent management initiatives for the military and civilian acquisition workforce populations. The Army DACM Office is working these initiatives by enhancing existing acquisition career development tools and developing new ones; researching best practices from existing talent management programs; and implementing pilot programs to test concepts focusing on high-performing military and civilian acquisition personnel.

Under Williamson's leadership, the Army acquisition workforce will continue to improve the ways it recognizes and cultivates talent and expertise, as it supports the warfighter with the world's best equipment, services, technologies, and capabilities.

Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 27, 2014)

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

- Captain Brian J. Brakke, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as deputy director, Operations and Intelligence Integration, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Washington, D.C. Brakke is currently serving as chief of staff, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- Captain Scott D. Conn, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, Fallon, Nev. Conn is currently serving as director, N985, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.
- Captain James W. Kilby, nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Kilby is currently serving as deputy for ballistic missile defense, AEGIS, Destroyers and Future Surface Combatants, N96F, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.
- Captain Roy I. Kitchener, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as chief of staff, Strike

Force NATO, Lisbon, Portugal. Kitchener is currently serving as vice commander, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command, San Diego, Calif.

- Captain Lorin C. Selby, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Washington, D.C. Selby is currently serving as program manager for Advanced Undersea Systems Program Office, PMS 394, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C.
- Captain Charles F. Williams, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific/Commander, Task Force 73/Commander, Navy Region Singapore. Williams is currently serving as deputy for Surface Ship Systems Weapons and Sensors, N96C, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.
- Captain Johnny R. Wolfe Jr., selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as program director, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, Missile Defense Agency, Dahlgren, Va. Wolfe is currently serving as deputy director for Strategic Systems Program, Washington, D.C.

Air Force Recommends Four-Star Position for Global Strike Command

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WASHINGTON—Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James and Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III continue to implement improvements to the Air Force's nuclear mission and increase support to the men and women who operate, maintain, and support the nation's intercontinental ballistic missile force.

Following visits to the missile bases and visits with the Airmen who perform the mission, James and Air Force Global Strike Command Commander Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson announced some sweeping initiatives.

Recently, James recommended to the secretary of defense elevating the Global Strike Command leadership to a four-star general, from the current three-star rank. This proposal will be worked over the next several months and will require congressional approval, officials said.

"This important mission in the Air Force deserves the highest level of leadership oversight similar to our other operational core mission areas," James said.

The Air Force also will increase the Air Force assistant chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration from a two-star to a three-star billet. Additionally, the Service will increase nuclear manning levels and strengthen professional development.

Part of that manpower goes to putting more mid-level officers into the missile squadrons. For example, two majors are being added to each missile squadron to serve as assistant operations officers and help fill the gap between the lieutenant colonel squadron commander and lieutenants and captains who perform the alert mission.

"This is our most critically important mission and these personnel actions show that," Welsh said. "And we are not just increasing the rank within the organization, we are also increasing the overall manpower by more than 1,100 personnel to address shortfalls and offer our airmen a more stable work schedule and better quality of life."

James also highlighted the importance of continued accountability for those who do not meet standards. Airmen at all levels of Global Strike Command have been held accountable for recent test compromises, which brought to light many of the morale issues James and Wilson are addressing.

"These initiatives will take time," Wilson said. "But we're putting our money where our mouth is and aligning resources to go after those initiatives."

"We have redirected \$50 million in [fiscal year 2014] funding to address urgent, near-term nuclear sustainment shortfalls by internally reallocating all of the sustainment funds that Global Strike Command can execute [fiscal 2014], as well as \$350 million over the future years defense program," James said. "Through the tireless efforts of General Wilson and his team at Global Strike Command, we are on our way to correcting some of the systemic issues I observed."

Lastly, to return the focus to performing operations in the field and attract and retain high-caliber airmen in the nuclear mission, the Air Force is also introducing several incentives to airmen.