

Hagel Issues Message to Defense Department Workforce

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WASHINGTON—On his first day at the Pentagon's helm, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel today issued a message to the men and women of the Defense Department.

"Earlier today I was privileged to take the oath of office to become the 24th secretary of defense. I am humbled by and grateful for the opportunity that President Obama and the Congress have given me to once again serve our nation.

"I am most especially grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you. Every day you work to defend America. The noble cause of your profession, your individual sacrifices, and your service inspire us all.

"As your leader, I will always do my best for our country and for all of you—and your families. As with my friends and predecessors Leon Panetta and Bob Gates, your safety, success, and welfare will always be at the forefront of my decisions. I will build on the strong foundation of teamwork built by Secretaries Gates and Panetta, as we work together. Leadership is a team business.

"I have long believed that America must maintain the strongest military on earth; we must lead the international community, with a steady and sure hand, to confront threats and challenges together as we work closely with our allies and partners to advance our common interests and build a more hopeful world. We must use all tools of American power to protect our citizens and our interests; and America must engage—not retreat—in the world, but engage wisely.

"This is a defining time for the United States military and for our nation. We are emerging from more than a decade of war, yet the threats facing us are no less dangerous or complicated.

"Despite these challenges, I believe an historic opportunity exists to help build a safer, more prosperous, and more secure world. But to achieve this goal, we must ensure that we are ready, trained, and equipped to fulfill our role of protecting the country and standing firm against aggression. To that end, the strength, well-being, and readiness of our all-volunteer force will be my top priority. This will require 21st-century agility and flexibility. We must take care of our people, and working with the VA and other institutions, I will ensure that you and your families get the health care, job opportunities, benefits, and education you have all earned and deserve. My life and career have been about helping our service members, veterans, and their families. One of my proudest accomplishments in the U.S. Senate was coauthoring with my fellow Vietnam veteran and friend, Jim Webb, the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.

"As I assume this office, I am mindful of the sacrifices that you and your families have made for more than a decade, and continue to make every day. In Afghanistan, where 66,000 of our troops remain in a tough fight, we have a clear and achievable objective to fully transition security responsibility to the Afghan National Security Forces by the end of 2014. As you know, Afghan forces will step into the lead for security operations across the country this spring, and over the next year another 34,000 of our troops will come home.

"As we turn the page on more than a decade of grinding conflict, we must broaden our attention to future threats and challenges. That means continuing to increase our focus on the Asia-Pacific region, reinvigorating historic alliances like NATO, and making new investments in critical capabilities like cyber.

"In order to accomplish our mission, we also must make wise budget decisions, prioritizing our interests and requirements. Like each of you, I am greatly concerned about the impact that the looming round of automatic budget cuts will have on you and your families, and on military readiness. As someone who has run businesses, I know that severe budget uncertainty limits our ability and flexibility to manage and plan and use taxpayer dollars in the most efficient manner possible. I will work within the administration and with Congress to help resolve this uncertainty in a way that does not break America's commitment to you, your families, and our veterans. As I begin my time here at the department, I want you to know that I recognize the immense responsibility that I have, and will work hard every day to fulfill my duties as secretary of defense as honestly and effectively as I know how. You are the greatest force for good in the world. It is the highest honor to serve alongside you. I am proud to be part of your team. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our country."

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 24, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Marine Corps Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Broadmeadow is currently serving as the commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), Camp Pendleton, Calif.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 24, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President has made the following nominations:

- Air Force Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr. has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Bunch is currently serving as the commander, Air Force Test Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Sandra E. Finan has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Finan is currently serving as the principal assistant deputy administrator for military application, Office of Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Lee K. Levy II has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Levy is currently serving as the director, Logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert D. McMurry Jr. has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. McMurry is currently serving as the director, space programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Col. Carl A. Buhler has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Buhler is currently serving as the director of logistics, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.
- Air Force Col. James C. Dawkins Jr. has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Dawkins is currently serving as the principal assistant deputy administrator for military application, Office of Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Col. Dawn M. Dunlop has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Dunlop is currently serving as the special assistant to the secretary of the Air Force and chief of staff for Joint Strike Fighter, Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Col. Mark K. Johnson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Johnson is currently serving as the deputy director of logistics and

sustainment, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

- Air Force Col. Patrick X. Mordente has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Mordente is currently serving as the deputy director, operations and plans, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- Air Force Col. Shaun Q. Morris has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Morris is currently serving as the KC-46 director of Program Control, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Air Force Col. Duke Z. Richardson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Richardson is currently serving as vice commander, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 24, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Leon A. Panetta announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Navy Rear Adm. William H. Hilarides for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and for assignment as commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Hilarides is currently serving as special assistant to the deputy chief of Naval operations for information dominance, N2/N6, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 25 2013)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Army Brig. Gen. John F. Wharton, for appointment to the rank of major general. Wharton is currently serving as commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

Award-Winning Army SES, International Expert, Moves to OSD

U.S. ARMY ACQUISITION SUPPORT CENTER (FEB. 8, 2013)

WASHINGTON - Award-winning former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation Keith B. Webster, will build upon his many successes as he transitions to a new role with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).

Webster, who now serves as director, International Cooperation, OSD, is in charge of managing a host of key issues for Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Frank Kendall. The Issues within his purview

AT&L Workforce—Key Leadership Changes

include international partnerships with key global allies, significant acquisition and technology-related matters affecting U.S. global military development, and coordination with OSD policy personnel.

“Inside Mr. Kendall’s portfolio of AT&L and inside the broader context of OSD, we will decide our priority activities and examine how we should be organized and engaged globally. Within AT&L, we are here to inform the requirements process with the J8 and ensure timely consideration of foreign technology opportunities and foreign product opportunities. We want to make sure that the JCIDS [Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System] process is well-informed—to include international cooperation,” said Webster, while expressing enthusiasm for his new role.

In particular, Webster’s role will call upon his considerable expertise in technology- and acquisition-specific international cooperation issues, Foreign Military Sales, Direct Commercial Sales, and international policy issues, among other things.

“I am chartered to advise him [Kendall] on all international matters and to be knowledgeable of global political-military events—and to be in contact and in touch with those in OSD policy who have a pre-eminent role in international policy formulation here in the Pentagon,” Webster added.

That means advising Kendall on the international aspects of key programs like the multinational Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) effort and the acquisition of the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle. In many instances such as these, Webster will examine the possibility of connecting with foreign research and development during the developmental process to further collaborate with allies and improve the development of next-generation capabilities.

In fact, international developmental partnerships can be a key to sustaining production capacity for significant U.S. programs and technologies, Webster added. Along these lines, Webster’s duties will include research and academic pursuits aimed at examining industrial base issues in partnership with those in AT&L chartered with working industrial base matters.

“FMS and Direct Commercial Sales programs are critical as they address potential gaps in production. How do we appropriately generate international interest in a product so that we don’t have a break in production? We will partner with our OSD policy colleagues to see where we can leverage engagement to help Mr. Kendall and help the industrial base,” Webster added.



Lena Erixon, director general, Swedish Defence Materiel Administration presented Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation, Keith B. Webster with the Swedish Defense Materiel Administration’s Medal of Merit (Silver), in recognition of his efforts on behalf of Sweden in acquiring UH-60M Blackhawk helicopters through foreign military sales and for being instrumental in obtaining training seats

Webster’s expertise is informed by a distinguished career, spanning a range of high-profile, high-responsibility assignments. Most recently, he managed the Army’s Security Cooperation programs as the deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation, and the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology’s (ASA[ALT])’s deputy for international acquisition. This involved policy generation and execution oversight of Army security assistance, direct commercial sales, and international armaments cooperation. In this role, Webster supervised more than \$18 billion in annual sales, managed programs that involved more than 2,000 Army civilian and military personnel, and worked to identify those critical capabilities that will need to be sustained into the future.

In addition, Webster oversaw the development and maturation of significant large-scale U.S. Army Foreign Military Sales cases, many of which helped build partner capacity

and solidify important relationships with important international coalition members—to include sales of CH-47 Chinook cargo helicopters, AH-64 Apache attack helicopters, Patriot missiles, Excalibur 155mm precision artillery shells, and Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, among others. These efforts were recognized by some of his foreign counterparts, and Webster was awarded the rank of Chevalier (Knight) in the French Order National du Merite. The ceremony took place June 8, 2012, and was officiated by the Ambassador of France to the United States, Francois Delattre. On Tuesday, Jan. 22, Director General Lena Erixon presented the Swedish Defense Materiel Administration's Medal of Merit (Silver), specifically recognizing Webster's efforts on behalf of Sweden in acquiring UH-60M Blackhawk helicopters through FMS, and for being instrumental in obtaining training seats for Swedish pilots and maintainers. The entire process from Sweden's submission of a formal Letter of Requirement to initial operating capability was completed in record time, resulting in the helicopters being deployed to Afghanistan. His continued efforts to develop strong relationships and support the overall mission will continue to be remembered.

Before joining ASA(ALT), Webster held several positions with the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), including principal director for Business Operations and head of the agency's policy, plans, and programs directorate.

Webster holds an MA in International Relations from Catholic University, a BS in Business/Finance from Towson State University, is a Level III certified acquisition professional, and is a Fellow of the Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

General Officer Assignments

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

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

- Brig. Gen. Stephen B. Leisenring, commander, Joint Theater Support Contracting Command, U.S. Central Command, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, to deputy chief of contracting management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. James E. Simpson, deputy chief of contracting management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C., to commander, Joint Theater Support Contracting Command, U.S. Central Command, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 8, 2013)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Col. Mark K. Johnson, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, deputy director, Logistics And Sustainment, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to commander, Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, Defense Logistics Agency, Richmond, Va.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 11, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President made the following nomination: Marine Corps Col. Terry V. Williams has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Williams is currently serving as the executive assistant to deputy commandant for installation and logistics, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Assignments

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

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

- Maj. Gen. Gary H. Cheek, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Central/Third U.S. Army, Kuwait, to deputy commanding general for support/chief of staff, Installation Management Command, San Antonio, Texas.
- Maj. Gen. John Uberti, deputy commanding general for support/chief of staff, Installation Management Command, San Antonio, Texas, to chief of staff, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
- Brig. Gen. Robert P. Walters Jr., deputy director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Arlington, Va., to director, intelligence and information (J-2), North American Aerospace Defense Command/U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
- Col. Joseph M. Martin, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, commander, U.S. Army Operational Test Command, Fort Hood, Texas, to deputy commander, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

General Officer Assignment

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

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Michael E. Fortney, director, nuclear support, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va., to director of operations, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 19, 2013)

The chief of staff, Army announced today the following assignment: Col. Leon N. Thurgood, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, deputy program executive officer, missiles and space, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to program executive officer, missiles and space, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 22, 2013)

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

- Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, who has been selected for the rank of major general, commander, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to Air Force civil engineer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Timothy S. Green, director, installations and mission support, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to director, installations and mission support, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
- Col. Sarah E. Zabel*, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, commander, 75th Air Base Wing, Air Force Sustainment Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to director, command, control, communications, and cyber systems, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

*Previously announced Nov. 29 2012, going to special assistant to the commander, Air Force Sustainment Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Roman Named Defense Logistics Agency's Permanent Chief of Staff

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS (FEB. 27, 2013)

Renee Roman has been named the Defense Logistics Agency's new chief of staff by DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek.

Roman took over as the agency's interim chief of staff following the retirement of Fred Baillie in January. She previously served as DLA Logistics Operations' executive director for support.

"Ms. Roman, a member of the Senior Executive Service, has served in many roles in DLA and outside [the Defense Department] and will bring great value to the position," Harnitchek wrote in a Jan. 11 e-mail to senior agency leaders.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 1, 2013)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced the following assignment: Maj. Gen. David W. Allvin, commander, 618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to director, strategic planning, deputy chief of staff, strategic plans and programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Senate Appoints Four Members to QDR Panel

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (MARCH 6, 2013)

Donna Miles

WASHINGTON—Retired Marine Corps Gen. James E. Cartwright, former vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Michele Flournoy, former undersecretary of defense for policy, are among four appointments to the Quadrennial Defense Review's independent panel the Senate Armed Services Committee announced yesterday.

Also named to the panel were retired Air Force Gen. Gregory S. Martin, former commander of Air Force Materiel Command, and retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael D. Maples, former Defense Intelligence Agency director.

As part of a 10-member independent panel of civilian experts, they will provide outside analysis of the Defense Department's work on the 2014 QDR that will guide U.S. strategic planning and procurement for the next two decades. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel will appoint the chairman and vice chairman of the independent panel, and other panel appointees will be made by the chair and ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee.

The QDR is a congressionally mandated review of national defense strategy, force structure, modernization plans, infrastructure, budget plans, and other elements of defense policy, conducted every four years. The 2014 QDR will be the fifth since Congress established the requirement in the fiscal year 1997 National Defense Authorization Act.

Congress also required an independent panel to review the department's work. Panel members will review DoD's force structure and resource recommendations. Within three months of the QDR's completion, they will submit an assessment of the QDR to the congressional defense committees. Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, praised Cartwright and Flournoy, his selectees to the panel, for the vast background they will bring to the panel.

“General Cartwright and Michele Flournoy enjoy exceptionally high respect throughout the U.S. and international security policy communities for their life-long experience, deep understanding, and commitment to keeping America strong and safe,” he said. “Their contributions to the independent panel’s assessment of the Defense Department’s strategic review will help ensure that the entire process provides Congress and the nation with the best possible security analysis and recommendations as we continue to anticipate and adapt to these challenging times.”

Sen. James Inhofe, the Senate committee’s ranking minority member, offered similar praise to Martin and Maples, his panel choices.



U.S. Air Force graphic by Sylvia Saab

“The many years of military service, defense policy experience, and deep understanding of national security issues General Martin and Lieutenant General Maples bring will be invaluable to the panel as it evaluates the department’s review of the strategic environment and makes its recommendations to adapt policies, programs, and strategy for the challenges our national defense needs to address in the years ahead,” he said.

First AF Woman 4-Star Comes Full Circle

AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE (MARCH 11, 2013)

FORT MEADE, Md.—Young Janet Libby was definitely someone going places at Beaver Creek High School near Dayton, Ohio. She was in the National Honor Society, in both the German and Ski clubs, and a soccer athlete as well.

But even those friends and well-wishers who would have signed her senior yearbook with words like “you’ll go far,” and “you’ll be a success in life,” could never have imagined that the young daughter of an Air Force pilot would go on to become the first female in the Air Force to attain the rank of four-star general, and only the second in military history.

Today, Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger has come full circle from those Beaver Creek roots as the commander of the Air Force Materiel Command, a major command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, just a few miles from where she graduated from high school. She is responsible for more than 80,000 airmen and civilians worldwide, along with a \$60 billion annual budget, leading an organization that supports the war fighting efforts through state-of-the-art technology, weapon systems management, systems development and evaluation, and a global supply-chain management system.

It didn’t take long following her graduation from high school for Wolfenbarger to make her mark. After a suggestion from her dad a year earlier, she applied and was accepted in 1976 into the first class at the Air Force Academy to accept women.

“The Air Force Academy was an opportunity for me to be stretched in so many ways: physically, mentally, and emotionally,” said Wolfenbarger at a women’s conference in San Diego in 2011. “It was an opportunity to prove to myself that, in fact, I could withstand those kinds of experiences, and come out on the other end realizing that I was far more capable than I ever thought I would be. The experience gave me a belief in myself that I have relied upon ever since.”

Commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1980, she has spent most of her career in the acquisition field, leaving her imprint on the purchase, testing, and implementation of the F-22 Raptor, the B-2 Spirit, and the C-17 Globemaster III programs. She went on to earn a master’s degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in aeronautics and astronautics.

Although Wolfenbarger is proud of her accomplishments and the direction women are headed in the Air Force, she said that she never wanted to be recognized for simply being a woman. “I wanted to do well and be recognized because I worked hard,” said Wolfenbarger. “I did the very best I could at every job I held.”

During the early 1980s, when Wolfenbarger was in the early stages of her career, she told stories of women who could be discharged for getting pregnant or even adopting a child. There were also many more career fields closed to women

at the time. She believes that over the past three decades, women have made tremendous strides.

“We now have, not only maternity leave, but also paternity leave for our service members,” she said. “Also, when I joined, there were a host of career fields closed to women, but we can now, as a Service, proudly say that we have 97 percent of our career fields open to women.”

Even though Wolfenbarger believes many women entering the Air Force today may take for granted their equal status, she said there are still areas of progress yet to be overcome. “I think one of our challenges when we serve our country is that there is such a drive to support our nation in whatever mission we are assigned. I think there has to be a constant reminder that we all have to search for that work and life balance because, in the end, it is our families, our friends, and our health that we have to rely on when our careers are over.”

New Strategic Technology Office Director Looks Forward to Serving the Nation

*DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY
(MARCH 15, 2013)*

After decades of technical research and leadership experience as a university professor, small defense business owner, and science and technology advisor to the Department of Defense, Nils R. Sandell Jr. is fulfilling a long held desire—joining the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Sandell will lead DARPA’s Strategic Technology Office (STO) and accelerate innovation in assured access; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR); communications; navigation; electronic warfare; and other areas focused on shaping the environment.

“I feel like I’ve indirectly served my country as part of academia and industry, but I’ve long had a desire to perform government service,” Sandell said. “Our country’s been good to me, and I wanted to give back. Throughout my career, I’ve always thought that the most important thing about an organization is the quality of the people working there. I’ve had many dealings with DARPA and the great program managers within STO, so I’m really thrilled to become a part of it.”

“DARPA is planting the seeds of the next revolutions in capability for national security with new approaches to electronic warfare, position navigation and timing, and access to denied areas,” said DARPA Director Arati Prabhakar. “We’re extremely fortunate to have Nils on the DARPA team with his tremendous expertise in these arenas.”

Ensuring our forces have uncontested access to airspace, seas, and other domains is a key issue Sandell intends to confront.

“We’ve been focused on relatively permissive environments in which we have uncontested access to airspace and bases. There are potential adversaries that have been developing systems to prevent us from having that free access,” he said. “Some of these systems present big challenges. I think they’re definitely worthy of the great talent we have at STO to address them.”

For 25 years, Sandell served as president and CEO of ALPHATECH Inc., a company he co-founded, which BAE Systems purchased and renamed Advanced Information Technologies (AIT) in 2004. As vice president and general manager of AIT in 2010 when he retired, he managed more than 400 employees conducting fundamental and applied research in ISR, cyber operations, signal and image processing, computer networks, and related areas.

AF General Shatters Both Gender, Racial Barriers

*AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE (MARCH 18, 2013)
Martha Lockwood*

FORT MEADE, Md.—Born about the time the Tuskegee Airmen were earning their reputation over the skies of North Africa and Italy, Marcelite Harris would go on to break a number of racial and gender barriers during an illustrious Air Force career.

Harris was born Jan. 16, 1943, in Houston and attended Spelman College in Atlanta, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in speech and drama in 1964. She then attended Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where she was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1965.

During the early days of her career, Harris held assignments as an administrative officer in California and West Germany, before transitioning into the maintenance field by attending the aircraft maintenance officer’s course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., and graduating as the first female aircraft maintenance officer.

Her first assignment as a maintenance officer was to support the Vietnam War as a maintenance supervisor with the 49th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Korat Royal Thai air base, Thailand. After stints back in California and Washington, D.C., Harris broke another barrier as one of the first women to be an air officer commanding at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

After commanding an avionics maintenance squadron and a field maintenance squadron, both in Kansas, and a director of maintenance in Okinawa, Japan, Harris would make another first—this time as the first woman deputy commander for maintenance.

But her biggest accomplishment lay ahead, when in 1991, Harris became the first female African-American general, when she pinned on her first star as the vice commander of the Oklahoma Center Air Logistics Center.

Harris retired from the Air Force in early 1997, where she had been serving as the director of maintenance, deputy chief of staff for logistics, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force. At that time, she was the highest ranking female officer in the Air Force and the highest ranking African-American female within the Department of Defense.

Harris continues to contribute to the Air Force even after her retirement. In 2010, President Barack Obama appointed her a member of the Board of Visitors for the United States Air Force Academy. As a board member, she inquires into the morale, discipline, curriculum, and other matters deemed appropriate. The board submits reports to the secretary of defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and Congress via the secretary of the Air Force.

As she continues to serve the Air Force she serves her community. She is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. For her works, in 2010 she was nationally recognized by the Black Girls Rock Foundation with the Trailblazer Award.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 19, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: Douglas L. Loverro has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service as deputy assistant secretary of defense for space policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Washington, D.C. Loverro previously served as executive director for the Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base.

General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 20, 2013)

The chief of staff, Army announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farnen, commandant, U.S.



Army Transportation School, Fort Lee, Va., to commanding general, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Eighth U.S. Army, Republic of Korea.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 20, 2013)

- Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced today that the President has made the following nominations:
- Air Force Lt. Gen. John E. Hyten has been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as commander, Fourteenth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Air Force Space Command, and commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. Hyten is currently serving as vice commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
- Air Force Lt. Gen. Susan J. Helms has been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as vice commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. Helms is currently serving as commander, Fourteenth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic-Space), Air Force Space Command, and commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 20, 2013)

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

- Army Maj. Gen. David L. Mann for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as the commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, Redstone

Arsenal, Ala. Mann is currently serving as commanding general, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky.

- Army Brig. Gen. Edward F. Dorman III for appointment to the rank of major general. Dorman is currently serving as director for logistics operations and readiness, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.
- Army Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Horlander for appointment to the rank of major general. Horlander is currently serving as special assistant to the director, Office of Business Transformation, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.
- Army Brig. Gen. Ole A. Knudson for appointment to the rank of major general. Knudson is currently serving as program executive, programs and integration, Missile Defense Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Army Brig. Gen. Kevin G. O'Connell for appointment to the rank of major general. O'Connell is currently serving as commanding general, Joint Munitions Lethality, Life Cycle Management Command/Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island, Ill.
- Army Brig. Gen. Richard L. Stevens for appointment to the rank of major general. Stevens is currently serving as director, Joint Engineering Directorate, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan/commander, Transatlantic Division (Forward), Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.
- Army Brig. Gen. Michael E. Williamson for appointment to the rank of major general. Williamson is currently serving as assistant deputy for acquisition and systems management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Washington, D.C.

Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 20, 2013)

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

- Navy Rear Adm. Terry J. Benedict for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and for assignment as director for Strategic Systems Programs, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Rear Adm. Joseph W. Rixey for appointment to the rank of vice admiral for and assignment as director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Arlington, Va. Rixey is currently serving as director, Navy International Programs Office, Office of the Secretary of the Navy, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Captain Bret J. Muilenburg has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Muilenburg is currently serving as senior engineer assistant

to the commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Engineer and commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 25, 2013)

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

- Navy Capt. John W. Ailes for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Ailes is currently serving as major program manager, Program Executive Office for Littoral Combat Ships, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. Christian D. Becker for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Becker is currently serving as major program manager for Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Space Field Activity, Chantilly, Va.
- Navy Capt. Babette Bolivar for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Bolivar is currently serving as the chief of staff, commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. Louis V. Cariello for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Cariello is currently serving as commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia, Naples, Italy.
- Navy Capt. William J. Galinis for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Galinis is currently serving as commanding officer, Norfolk Ship Support Activity, Norfolk, Va.
- Navy Capt. Jon A. Hill for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Hill is currently serving as major program manager for Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. Thomas J. Kearney for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Kearney is currently serving as major program manager for Undersea Weapons Program Executive Office for Submarines, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. Michael T. Moran for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Moran is currently serving as military assistant to the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. Gordon D. Peters for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Peters is currently serving as major program manager for Program Executive Office for Air, Patuxent River, Md.
- Navy Capt. Paul J. Verrastro for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Verrastro is currently serving as commanding officer, Naval Supply Systems Command, Fleet Logistics Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.