

### Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JUNE 9, 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) Mark W. Darrah, selected for the rank of rear admiral, will be assigned as program executive officer for Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation, Patuxent River, Md. 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.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Mathias W. Winter, selected for the rank of rear admiral, will be assigned as chief of Naval Research; and director, Innovation, Technology Requirements, and Test and Evaluation, Arlington, Va. Winter is currently serving as program executive officer for Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation, Patuxent River, Md.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Douglas G. Morton will be assigned as deputy chief, Support/Security Agreements, Office of Defense Representative-Pakistan. Morton is currently serving as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.
- Capt. Ross A. Myers, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as deputy director for Nuclear, Homeland Defense and Current Operations, J33, Joint Staff, Washington, District of Columbia. Myers is currently serving as executive assistant to the Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Capt. Gordon D. Peters, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division; and assistant commander for Research and Engineering, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md. Peters is currently serving as program manager for the Presidential Helicopters Program, Patuxent River, Md.

### Air Force Lt. Gen. Samuel Greaves Takes Command

Steve Skotte

On June 19, 2014 at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Lt. Gen. Sam Greaves took command of the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC). He assumed command from Lt. Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski in a ceremony officiated by Gen. William Shelton, Air Force Space Command commander. Greaves received his third star prior to assuming SMC's helm. He comes to the center from the Missile Defense Agency, where he served as deputy director since August 2012. From August 2009 to February 2011, Greaves was SMC's vice commander.

The Space and Missile Systems Center, a subordinate unit of Air Force Space Command, is the center of technical excel-

lence 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.

SMC is headquartered at Los Angeles AFB in El Segundo, Calif. The center employs an estimated 6,300 people including military, civilians, and contractors at LAAFB and other locations worldwide.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JUNE 20, 2014)

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced today the following assignment: Capt. James W. Kilby, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Navy Surface Warfare Development Center, San Diego, Calif. 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, District of Columbia.

### General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JUNE 20, 2014)

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

- Col. Mark A. Baird, selected for the grade of brigadier general, from senior materiel leader and director, Space Superiority Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., to commander, Air Force Installation Contracting Agency, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Brig. Gen. Kenneth E. Todorov, director, Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization, J-8, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to deputy director, Missile Defense Agency, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Fort Belvoir, Va.

### Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific Holds Change of Command in Singapore

COMLOG WESTPAC Public Affairs (July 1, 2014)

SEMBAWANG, Singapore—Rear Adm. Charlie Williams relieved Rear Adm. Cindy Thebaud as commander, Logis-

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tics Group Western Pacific (COMLOG WESTPAC) during a change of command ceremony, July 1. Williams also assumed duties as commander, Task Force 73 (CTF 73) and Navy Region Singapore (NRS) for U.S. forces.

The guest speaker, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore Kirk Wagar, praised Thebaud's many accomplishments, including her sustained focus on 7th Fleet logistics and security cooperation activities in South and Southeast Asia—both in direct support of America's rebalance to the Asia Pacific.

"In my view, by providing unparalleled logistics support to the entire Seventh Fleet, by managing a world-class installation for visiting forces and, by leading security cooperation in Southeast Asia, Cindy and her team are literally implementing the naval component of America's rebalance in this vital part of the Asia Pacific," said the ambassador.

Since August 2013, Thebaud oversaw the logistics and maintenance support of all ships operating in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility, a vast maritime region encompassing more than 54 million square miles between the International Date Line and the approaches to the Strait of Hormuz. With a particular focus on Southeast Asia, Thebaud also enhanced relationships with regional allies, partners, and friends through maritime security cooperation activities, such as the bilateral exercise series Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT), the multi-lateral exercise Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SECAT) and the Naval Engagement Activity (NEA) with Vietnam. During her command, the first of many rotational deployments of littoral combat ships began with *USS Freedom* (LCS 1) and concluded in late 2013.

"I have relied on Cindy's advice countless times and can always depend on her to support America's mission," said the ambassador. "She understands that relationships matter, and that our engagements in this region are intertwined with American prosperity."

Thebaud reflected on her time as commander for COMLOG WESTPAC, CTF 73, NRS and thanked the sailors, Marines, DoD civilians, and local nationals for the opportunity to lead them. She will depart Singapore and travel to Virginia Beach, Va., to assume command of Expeditionary Strike Group Two (ESG 2).

"As the ambassador mentioned, we are the most visible aspect of the Navy's forward presence in Singapore and Southeast Asia," said Thebaud. Noting the diversity of the many commands located in Singapore, she remarked, "it is the team—the entire team—pulling together in the same

direction that enables us to accomplish our respective missions as well we do."

A former chief of staff for commander, U.S. 7th Fleet and commodore of Destroyer Squadron 15, Williams assumed command following a tour as deputy, Surface Warfare Combat Systems on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff in Washington D.C.

"Geography matters and, as someone who has already spent many years in this region, I know that COMLOG WESTPAC has a rather unique vantage on the Asia-Pacific, finding itself at the maritime crossroads of South and Southeast Asia," said Williams. "New platforms, including LCS and her rotational deployments, are a key part of our Navy's forward presence and, as more LCS' deploy, these ships will provide increased opportunities for interaction with the region's people, ships, and waters in unprecedented ways."

Located in Singapore since 1991, COMLOG WESTPAC is the U.S. 7th Fleet's provider of combat-ready logistics, operating government-owned and contracted ships to keep units throughout 7th Fleet armed, fueled, and fed. Additionally, COMLOG WESTPAC is 7th Fleet's Theater Security Cooperation agent for South and Southeast Asia.

For more news from Commander, Task Force 73, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/ctf73/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JUNE 20, 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) Lawrence E. Creevy, commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Washington Navy Yard, District of Columbia, will assume the additional duties of deputy commander for surface warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington Navy Yard, District of Columbia.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael E. Jabaley Jr., deputy commander for undersea warfare, SEA-07, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington Navy Yard, District of Columbia, will assume the additional duties of commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Washington Navy Yard, District of Columbia.

### General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JULY 10, 2014)

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

- Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, to commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command/Sustainment Center of Excellence and Fort Lee, Fort Lee, Va.
- Col. (Promotable) Rodney D. Fogg, executive officer to the commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to commander, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Hood, Texas.
- Col. (Promotable) David C. Hill, director, Office of the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C., to commander, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Southwestern, Dallas, Texas.
- Col. (Promotable) Michael D. Hoskin, chief, Operational Contract Support and Services Division, J-4, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C., to commander, U.S. Army Expeditionary Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Col. (Promotable) R. Mark Toy, chief of staff, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C., to commander, U.S. Army Engineer Division, South Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.

### **Picatinny Arsenal Commanding General Retires After More Than 31 Years Of Service**

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (JULY 17, 2014)

Eric Kowal

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J.—Brig. Gen. John J. McGuiness, Program Executive Officer for Ammunition (PEO Ammo) and Senior Commander of Picatinny Arsenal, officially retired from active duty and relinquished command of the PEO Ammo position to James Shields during a ceremony July 16.

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Heidi Shyu hosted the ceremony, which officially ended McGuiness' 31 years of military service.

"Our Army and our nation has been well served by General McGuiness for more than three decades," Shyu said.

McGuiness received several awards including the Humanitarian Service Medal for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts and the Distinguished Service Medal.

He was also presented with a 105mm artillery shell, which was one of 17 shots fired in his honor., The retiring general also received a congratulatory note from U.S. Rep. Rodney of New Jersey's 11th District, and a flag flown over the nation's capitol at the request of the Frelinghuysen.

Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco, representing New Jersey's 25th Legislative District, presented McGuiness with a Joint Senate and Assembly Resolution from the State of New Jersey. "I'm happy to know you are leaving the arsenal

in good hands and we will continue to have a place of excellence here at Picatinny," Bucco said.

McGuiness' wife Gail received the Commander's Award for Public Service for exceptional volunteer service and her work with the Picatinny Military and Civilian's Club. She also received a Chief of Staff of the Army Certificate of Appreciation from Gen. Ray Odierno, U.S. Army Chief of Staff.

Gail was the first and last person that McGuiness thanked and recognized during his farewell speech.

"Gail was there 31 years ago at my graduation from West Point. She is my Alpha Omega," he said.

McGuiness thanked virtually everyone he had ever worked with, including retired officers, civilians, members of academia, industry partners, but most importantly the staff at Picatinny.

The general talked about the Picatinny mission and supporting the warfighter. "Everyone in the world looks to you because of the qualities and capabilities that you bring," McGuiness told the assembled Picatinny personnel. "For every single time that someone who is deployed returns home safely, that says that you do your job and there is nobody else in the world that does it better than you."

McGuiness was stationed at Picatinny as a captain years early in his career and recalled the fond memories he and his family had during their first venture.

Upon his return and appointment as the senior military commander, McGuiness said: "I had one goal in mind and that was to make sure that whether you were a brand new military person on the installation or a brand new civilian or you had 40 years here, it didn't matter, but that when you left Picatinny you would leave here with those great memories that I had here during my first assignment."

McGuiness assumed the PEO Ammo and senior commander position on October 17, 2012, leading the mission to develop and procure conventional and leap-ahead munitions to increase warfighter's combat power. Previously McGuiness served as deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and senior commander, Natick Soldier Systems Center, Natick, Mass., from May 2011 to September 2012.

Speaking about his successor McGuiness said, "Jim is a leader first and a manager second, and Ms. Shyu, there is no better choice for a PEO than Jim Shields."



PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J.—Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Heidi Shyu congratulates Army Brig. Gen. John McGuinness as he relinquishes his command on July 17, 2014, as Picatinny Arsenal Senior Commanding General and PEO Ammo. James Shields (left) becomes Picatinny's new PEO Ammo.

U.S. Army photo

After receiving a standing ovation McGuinness returned to his seat, after which Shields spoke.

"The only regret that I have about having General McGuinness as a boss was that it was too short—only 21 months," he said. "He has seen us through difficult times to include Hurricane Sandy, government furloughs and shutdowns, and 50 percent reduction in our budget, yet he continued to inspire and motivate."

Shields became the deputy PEO Ammo in November 2009. Previously Shields served as the Joint Program Manager (JPM) and deputy JPM for the Joint Lightweight 155mm Howitzer (JLW155); chief, Systems Engineering Division, Crusader self-propelled artillery system; team leader, Wide Area Mine (WAM); and mechanical systems specialist, International Programs Office, Autonomous Precision Guided Munitions (APGM). He graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and received a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College Program Management Course and the Executive Program Management Course.

McGuinness was commissioned in the Infantry upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, in 1983. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, Army Command and General Staff College, and Army War College. He holds master's degrees in Operations Research, Air Force Institute of Technology, and Strategic Studies, Army War College. He is a graduate of the Program of Management Development, Harvard Business School.

His decorations and badges include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

As the ASA (ALT), Shyu serves as the Army Acquisition Executive, the Senior Procurement Executive, the Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Army, and the Army's Senior Research and Development official. She also has principal responsibility for all Department of the Army matters related to logistics. Shyu leads the execution of the Army's acquisition function and the acquisition management system.

### **CECOM Commanding General Promoted to Major General**

U.S. ARMY COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (JULY 22, 2014)

Kristopher Joseph

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md—Brigadier General Bruce T. Crawford, commanding general, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground senior mission commander, was promoted to major general during a promotion ceremony July 21 at the Myer Auditorium here.

Gen. Dennis L. Via, commanding general of U.S. Army Materiel Command, led the ceremony among more than 500



Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford (center), senior mission commander at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) and commanding general, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, is pinned by (left) Gen. Dennis L. Via, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, and Crawford's wife Dianne, during his promotion ceremony held at the C4ISR campus at APG on Monday, July 21. Via presided over the event.

U.S. Army APG Garrison photo by Sean Kief

senior leaders, service members, CECOM civilians, family members, and friends.

"This is a great day for the Crawford family and the presence of so many of our senior leaders is a tribute to their ongoing contribution to our Army," said Via during his opening remarks.

Via mentioned that of the approximate 82,000 Army officers, only 116 are major generals. Crawford was one out of 31 brigadier generals that was selected for promotion, Via said.

"Brig. Gen. Crawford has a long history of exemplary service and I can't think of a more qualified leader to be promoted to major general," said Via.

Crawford recognized the impact that [his family] had on his life, and he also highlighted many others who have helped through his 28 years of service.

"I've been truly blessed for the guidance, care, and concern that all of you have taught me over the years," Crawford said after being promoted. "I thank all those who saw more in me than I saw in myself."

Crawford is a native of Columbia, S.C., and was commissioned May 28, 1986, after graduating with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from S.C. State University. He also holds a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Crawford said he is a product of an environment of nurturing family members and encouraging mentors, including his then-ROTC instructor from SCSU.

"My ROTC instructor told me something that I'll never forget. He said that it's all about 'genuine care and concern.' That is something I've always remembered and try to do that every day in this job," said Crawford.

Crawford emphasized that the entire promotion ceremony was less about him and all about an, “opportunity to publicly thank those who are most responsible for me standing here today.”

“If you take nothing else from this ceremony, remember that I take seriously the enormous responsibility that has been bestowed on me, I take seriously what we stand for as a nation, and my family and I will continue to try and make a difference while standing on point for you.”

Crawford has 28 years of military service in a variety of leadership positions at tactical, operational, and strategic levels. He assumed command of CECOM on May 20 after his most recent post of J6, director of C4/Cyber and Chief Information Officer, U. S. European Command. Prior to that, he served as the commanding general, 5th Theater Signal Command, and G6, United States Army Europe in Wiesbaden, Germany.

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*DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JULY 28, 2014)*

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced today the following assignment: Capt. Matthew A. Zirkle, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as deputy chief of staff, Submarines, NATO Maritime Command, Northwood, England. Zirkle is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve, Office of Naval Research/Naval Research Laboratory Science and Technology, Detachment 111, San Diego, Calif.