

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Welcomes New Principal Deputy

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Dr. Malcolm R. O'Neill welcomed Heidi Shyu as the new ASA(ALT) principal deputy this month. As ASA(ALT) principal deputy, Shyu will serve as O'Neill's chief advisor and confidante on all matters relating to acquisition, logistics, and technology.

Shyu brings a wealth of experience gained from three decades of service in major U.S. firms, including Raytheon, Litton Industries, Grumman Aerospace Corp., and Hughes Aircraft Co. Most recently, she served as the vice president of technology strategy for Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems, El Segundo, Calif. At Raytheon, Shyu led numerous significant U.S. Air Force projects, including the Joint Strike Fighter and the development of other manned and unmanned aircraft systems. Shyu has served as director of both JSF Integrated Radar/Electronic Warfare Sensors and JSF Antenna Technologies.

At Litton Industries, Shyu served as project manager of a Near Infrared Octane Analyzer commercial development project. While at Grumman, she served as the principal engineer for Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System Self-Defense Study and led the evaluation of electronic defense against air-to-air and surface-to-air infrared and radio frequency (RF) threats.

Shyu began her career at Hughes, where she developed several electronic countermeasures algorithms to detect, classify, and counter various RF jammers for F-15 and F/A-18 radar systems.

Shyu has received several awards and recognitions throughout her career, including the 2004 Chinese Institute of Engineers-USA Asian-American Engineer of the Year Award; 2007 Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California Achievement Award; Raytheon's Hero and Excellence in Technology Awards; Hughes Fellowship; University of Toronto Fellowship; New Brunswick Post-Graduate Scholarship; Atlantic Provinces Inter-University Committee Scholarship; N. Myles Brown Science Award; and University Special Undergraduate Scholarship. She was also listed among the "Women Worth Watching in 2009" in the September/October 2008 issue of Profiles in *Diversity Journal*.

Shyu holds a B.S. in mathematics from the University of New Brunswick, an M.S. in mathematics from the University of Toronto, and both an M.S. in electrical engineering and an

E.E. from the University of California Los Angeles. She is a member and former chair of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, as well as a member of the Defense Science Board.

Air Force Names New AFMC Air Armament Center Commander

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT (OCT. 1, 2010)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—The Air Force announced Sept. 30, 2010, the assignment of Maj. Gen. Kenneth D. Merchant to the position of Air Armament Center commander and Program Executive Officer for Weapons, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Merchant has been the director of logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., since November 2007. In this position, he provides policy and guidance to organize, train, and equip aircraft maintenance, transportation, supply, and logistics plans units at 14 major active air installations in the U.S., and 17 enroute locations around the world.

The general has also served as Air Staff Program Element Monitor for the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile, and executive officer to the commander of Pacific Air Forces. He directed an Area Attack Systems Program Office, Contractor Logistics Support Aircraft Materiel Systems Group, and Battle Management Command, Control, and Computer Systems Wing.

His commands include the Airborne Warning and Control System and Airborne Early Warning Control Systems Group as well as the 551st Electronic Systems Wing at Hanscom AFB, Mass. Prior to his current assignment, he was vice commander at Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, Utah.

As AAC commander, Merchant will be responsible for the development, acquisition, testing, deployment, and sustainment of all air-delivered weapons.

Merchant will replace Maj. Gen. Charles R. Davis, who has been AAC commander since May 2009. The Air Force announced Sept. 22 Davis' nomination for promotion to the grade of lieutenant general, and assignment as commander of the Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 1, 2010)

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

- Maj. Gen. Kenneth D. Merchant, director, logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to commander, Air Armament Center and Air Force Program executive officer for weapons, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
- Brig. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, commander, 76th Maintenance Wing, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., to director, Logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Senior Executive Service Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 5, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service reassignments.

- David Bennett has been assigned as program executive officer for Global Information Grid (GIG) Enterprise Services Engineering, Defense Information Systems Agency, Falls Church, Va. Bennett previously served as deputy program executive officer for GIG Enterprise Services Engineering, Defense Information Systems Agency, Falls Church, Va.
- Rebecca Harris has been assigned as deputy component acquisition executive, Defense Information Systems Agency, Falls Church, Va. Harris previously served as program executive officer for GIG Enterprise Services Engineering, Defense Information Systems Agency, Falls Church, Va.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 8, 2010)

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

- Brig. Gen. Jesse R. Cross, commanding general, U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Va., to deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, with duty as commanding general, Army Materiel Command-Southwest Asia/G-4, U.S. Army Central, Kuwait.
- Brig. Gen. John R. O'Connor, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, with duty as commanding general, Army Materiel Command-Southwest Asia/G-4, U.S. Army Central, Kuwait, to director for operations and logistics readiness (G-43), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Senior Executive Service Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 19, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service

appointments and reassignments.

- John B. Allen has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as deputy director, naval warfare, director, Operational Test & Evaluation, Washington, D.C. Allen previously served as senior associate, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, N.M.
- Sajeel Ahmed has been assigned as director, Facilities Services Directorate, Washington Headquarters Services, Washington, D.C. Ahmed previously served as program manager, Pentagon Renovation/Construction Program Office, Washington Headquarters Services, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 21, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has nominated Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr. to serve as the commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force; commander, Marine Corps Bases, Japan; and commander, Marine Forces Japan and for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general. Glueck is currently serving as the director of operations and logistics, U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

JCASO Official Inducted into Senior Executive Service

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 1, 2010)

Sara Moore

Defense Logistics Agency Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson welcomed the newest member into the Senior Executive Service Oct. 29. Matthew Beebe, executive director of the Joint Contingency Acquisition Support Office, was inducted into the SES in a ceremony at the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

"Matt Beebe, when you look at his entire professional resume, is extraordinarily qualified for this assignment," Thompson said at the ceremony. "He has a tremendous both educational and professional background and heavy experience in acquisitions."

Beebe has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Clarkson College, in Potsdam, N.Y. He was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps in 1983 and completed his postgraduate education at the University of Illinois in 1989, where he received a master's degree in civil engineering.

Beebe retired from the Navy in 2007 at the rank of captain after 25 years of service. His service included tours in the Naval Construction Force with multiple deployments to the Middle East and East Asia, a combined 17 years of federal

acquisition experience, and three Washington, D.C., assignments.

Beebe's experience as a civil engineer is valuable, Thompson noted, because JCASO will do work with construction contracting as part of its mission. Thompson praised the JCASO team for the work they have done in establishing the organization and its mission and capabilities. JCASO was established to orchestrate, synchronize, and integrate contingency acquisition across combatant commands and U.S. government agencies during pre-conflict, contingency, and combat operations.

"I believe that one of the things in DLA that we need to constantly be doing is looking for opportunities to expand our mission and to add value to the Department of Defense," Thompson said. "I think that this new role that's captured in JCASO is a tremendous opportunity for us to leverage the huge acquisition capability and expertise that we have in DLA to directly connect to our nation's combatant commanders and operations around the globe."

In addition to his military experience, Beebe also has experience in the private sector with PMA Consultants LLC, a program, project, and construction management firm. Beebe established the company's Washington, D.C., office and led its business development efforts in the federal sector.

"When you combine not only the defense experience and the private-sector experience and all those very impressive educational accomplishments, you end up with an individual that really is very, very well prepared for this assignment," Thompson said.

Beebe said he was honored to be inducted as a senior executive and to work for DLA. His time in the private sector was valuable, he said, but he was eager to get back to the defense environment and invest in a mission he really believed in.

"As I looked at the mission of DLA and more specifically, JCASO, that is something that I'm very excited about," he said. "I am thrilled to be here."

DLA is gaining another tremendous senior executive in Beebe, Thompson said, noting that the senior executives in the agency are the finest he has ever worked with.

Air Force Officials Name Deputy Assistant Secretary For Energy

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS (NOV. 8, 2010)
Air Force Capt. Chris Sukach

WASHINGTON—Air Force officials named Dr. Kevin T. Geiss the new deputy assistant secretary of energy for the Air Force Nov. 4. Geiss will lead the Air Force's Energy Office, comprising a staff of 11 people dedicated to energy policy development and support of energy-focused programs.

"Energy is an enabler for all we do in support of global Air Force missions," Geiss said. "I am excited to be coming back at a time when there is such tremendous leadership support for this area. I am committed to help lead our Service to a more energy-secure future."

Prior to leading the energy office, Geiss spent 2 years as the program director for energy security in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment. He also has worked as the assistant director for national defense in the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the executive office of the president and as a senior research scientist in the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The Air Force was the first military service to recognize energy as a major policy focus area and the first to formally assign responsibilities at the deputy assistant secretary level when leaders added energy policy to the duties, authorities, and responsibilities to the then-deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for environment, safety, and occupational health in 2007.

Earlier this year, Air Force leaders recognized that the continued emphasis and importance of energy policy in support of the mission warranted a dedicated and separate deputy assistant secretary and took steps to establish the position.

While the deputy assistant secretary for energy position is a new one, the office originated as the energy program management office and has been operational since 2009, but previously reported to the deputy assistant secretary for energy, environment, safety, and occupational health. The establishment of this new position and the realignment of capabilities emphasize the Air Force's dedication to energy efficiency.

Geiss and his team support the designated senior energy official, Air Force Under Secretary Erin Conaton, and are responsible for all Air Force matters pertaining to energy. The energy office staff is responsible for energy program management, installations and infrastructure energy, operational energy, integration of energy considerations into all Air Force business processes, energy security, energy culture change, and interfacing with outside organizations regarding Air Force-wide energy.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 10, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Army Col. Curt A. Rauhut has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Rauhut is currently serving as director, operations, business transformation, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 10, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Army Lt. Gen. Michael D. Barbero for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Arlington, Va. Barbero is currently serving as the deputy commanding general for advising and training, U.S. Forces Iraq, Operation New Dawn, Iraq.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 17, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nominations:

- Army Brig. Gen. Al T. Aycock has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Aycock is currently serving as deputy commanding general/chief of staff, Installation Management Command, San Antonio, Texas.
- Army Brig. Gen. James C. Boozer Sr., has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Boozer is currently serving as director of operations, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.
- Army Brig. Gen. William T. Crosby has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Crosby is currently serving as program executive officer, aviation, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Army Brig. Gen. Peter N. Fuller has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Fuller is currently serving as program executive officer, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- Army Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Richardson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Richardson is currently serving as director, J-4, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Operation New Dawn, Iraq.
- Army Brig. Gen. Frank D. Turner III has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Turner is currently serving as program manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program, Saudi Arabia.
- Army Brig. Gen. Larry D. Wyche has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Wyche is

currently serving as deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 19, 2010)

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

- Brig. Gen. Everett H. Thomas, commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., to vice commander, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
- Brig. Gen. Garrett Harencak, principal assistant deputy administrator for military application, Office of Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C., to commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Air Force Announces Senior Leader Changes

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT (NOV. 19, 2010)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—The Air Force announced Nov. 18, 2010, the reassignment of Brig. Gen. Everett H. Thomas, commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Air Force Materiel Command, to vice commander at Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.

Brig. Gen. Garrett Harencak, currently principal assistant deputy administrator for Military Application, Office of Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., will replace Thomas as commander of the AFNWC.

Thomas has commanded an Air Force station, a space launch squadron, a missile operations group, and a space wing. He's held staff assignments as an executive officer to the vice commander, Air Force Space Command, and as an assistant executive officer to the Air Force Vice Chief of Staff. He has also served as assistant deputy director for Politico-Military Affairs, Africa, and International Negotiations on the Joint Staff.

Harencak currently assists in directing the Stockpile Stewardship Program, which is responsible for maintaining the safety, security, and reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.