

Ginman Appointed Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy

Richard T. Ginman was recently appointed director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP). In this capacity he is responsible for domestic, international, and contingency contract policy; acquisition policy and oversight of DoD 5000.1 and 2; and oversight of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement. In addition, he is the DoD member of the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council, as well as Program Development and Implementation regarding E-Business; and finally, oversight of the Purchase Card program. He also serves as co-leader and proponent of the Pricing and Contracting community within the Department of Defense.



In March 2010, he assumed the position of deputy director, contingency contracting and acquisition policy, DPAP. In February 2008, he assumed the position of principal deputy to the director, DPAP. In that capacity, he was the principal advisor to the director for all contracting and procurement policy areas including program acquisition strategies, incentives, program execution, peer reviews, contingency contracting, and acquisition policy.

Ginman has more than 37 years' experience in government and commercial business in the fields of contracting, acquisition management, logistics, and finan-

cial management. Among his previous assignments were tenures as vice president, Maritime Information Systems for General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems; director of contracts, Digital System Resources; commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; deputy for acquisition and business management for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); and deputy commander for contracts, Naval Sea Systems Command.

Throughout his career, Ginman has led large organizations with complex budget and fiscal challenges during periods of substantial change. In addition to the positions above, Ginman's extensive work experience includes tours at the Naval Ordnance Systems Command; Naval Sea Systems Command; Naval Air Systems Command; Naval Regional Contracting Office, Long Beach; Long Beach Naval Shipyard; Office of the Secretary of Defense; and the U.S. Embassy, Morocco. In addition he has served on *USS Puffer* (SSN 652), *USS Ranger* (CV 61), and *USS Hunley* (AS 31).

Ginman was commissioned an ensign in the Supply Corps, United States Navy, in 1970 and retired as a rear admiral in 2000. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Williams College, a Master's of Business Administration from The George Washington University, and attended the University of Southern California's Executive Program in Business Administration. His personal military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 15, 2011)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: Charles L. Beames has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service as strategic advisor, space and intelligence, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C. Beames previously served as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

Panetta Officially Welcomes Carter as Deputy Secretary

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Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta officially welcomed his "alter ego" to the Pentagon today during a ceremony in honor of Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter.

The secretary called Carter "a brilliant thinker with the creativity and discipline that you have to have in order to be able to excel in this office."

Carter was sworn into office Oct. 6, succeeding William J. Lynn III.

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Panetta said he wanted the deputy secretary to be an alter ego, “someone who can go right into your shoes and run this department; someone who has to be there when you’re not in your office, basically managing and running this institution.”

Carter said he is deeply honored that President Barack Obama asked him to be the deputy secretary during what he called a “momentous time” for national defense.

“For a decade, our department has been riveted, by necessity, on two wars—Iraq and Afghanistan. These have not yet ended, but they will,” he said. “At this moment, we have the opportunity—really the obligation—to pivot this department to new challenges that will define our future.”

The United States must meet the challenges of the new world and in some areas catch up with developments in the world, Carter said. “To do this, we will need to let go of the familiar—weapons systems, forces, institutions, habits—and grab hold of the new,” he said.

The department must build the Joint Force 2020 that Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Martin Dempsey has called for, Carter said.

But, he said, the United States must put its financial house in order, and the Defense Department will do its part. The department will get less money and the “budget turndown needs to be managed carefully to avoid the pitfalls of previous downturns,” Carter said.

Defense leaders must put forth “our most honest and carefully reasoned proposals in front of the president and Congress,” he said. “As Secretary Panetta has said, we do not need to choose between fiscal discipline and strong national defense.”

Carter will be the department’s chief management officer and look at ways to eliminate wasteful spending and efficiencies. He also will guide the department’s ongoing assessment of current and future strategic needs. This review will shape the kind of force needed for today and the future, Panetta said.

Carter served in the Pentagon in the 1980s and as the assistant secretary of defense for international security policy in the Clinton administration from 1993 to 1996. He returned to academia working at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government in Boston. In 2009, Obama asked Carter to come back to Washington as the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics.

“As a nation and as a department, the challenges we face are absolutely enormous,” Panetta said. “But we also have a great opportunity. And every challenge represents an important opportunity for the future, an opportunity to forge a better force for the future, an opportunity to modernize and strengthen our military.

“Ash’s experience, his intuition, his ability to institute change will be essential to seizing these opportunities as we move the Department of Defense into the future,” he said.

Carter Presides Over DLA Change of Responsibility

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (NOV. 18, 2011)

Sara Moore

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—Navy Vice Adm. Mark D. Harnitchek assumed responsibility of the Defense Logistics Agency from outgoing director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson today in a ceremony held at the McNamara Headquarters Complex here.

Thompson, who took the helm of DLA in November 2008, is retiring from military service.

Harnitchek comes to DLA from U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he was deputy commander. Upon assuming responsibility for DLA, Harnitchek said he is excited for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and looks forward to being part of the agency.

“As we gather here today, men and women of DLA are executing operations all around the globe, and DLA has earned a tremendous reputation for getting the job done,” he said. “I can now count myself among the very fortunate to serve with you: professionals who don’t just talk about world-class support, but folks who deliver it every day.”

Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter presided at the ceremony and endorsed Harnitchek as the right leader for DLA, citing the admiral’s experience supporting troops throughout his career.

“Admiral Harnitchek knows something about how to support our troops and how crucial that support is to those on the front lines,” Carter said. “He’s not only served as deputy commander of TRANSCOM and as vice director of logistics on the Joint Staff, but has also served on two submarines, three surface ships, and the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt*. In all these posts, he served with distinction. We expect his tenure at DLA to be no different.”

Carter noted that Harnitchek is coming on board at a crucial time for DLA and the Defense Department overall. DoD,

he said, is on the cusp on two changing currents: the need to adjust the department to meet the new challenges of the future after the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan end, and the nation's need to put its fiscal house in order.

The budget needs to be managed carefully, Carter said, but at the same time the department must let go of old and familiar ways of operating and embrace future challenges.

"DLA will be at the forefront of both of these transitions—the strategic pivot we are about to undertake and the budget measures we must put in place," the deputy secretary said.

Harnitchek said he recognizes the great responsibility he faces in leading DLA through these new challenges. He also saluted Thompson's achievements as DLA director and pledged to pursue the same excellence during his tenure.

"DLA is one of our finest groups of enthusiastic, innovative, and dedicated go-getters who will always deliver," Harnitchek said. "So as we navigate through the challenges and opportunities ahead, my challenge to you is simple: Get it done."

Harnitchek praised Thompson as, "the genuine article and complete package: citizen, gentleman, and warrior who exemplifies our core values of honor, courage, and commitment." He also cited the many examples of DLA's successes over the past three years, including support to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, humanitarian relief efforts, and maintaining world-class support to troops preparing to deploy.

Carter also praised Thompson's accomplishments during his time at DLA. The Iraq drawdown and the influx of thousands of troops into Afghanistan placed extraordinary demands on the defense logistics system, he noted, but the surge was so successful that many throughout the department now refer to it as the "logistics miracle."

The change of responsibility ceremony also served as Thompson's retirement ceremony. Upon leaving DLA and finishing his military career, Thompson expressed gratitude to his many colleagues, leaders, and employees throughout the years. He called serving as director of DLA "a capstone experience."



Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter, left, presents Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson with the Defense Distinguished Service Medal upon his retirement at the McNamara Headquarters Complex on Fort Belvoir, Va., Nov. 18, 2011. Thompson passed responsibility of DLA to Navy Vice Adm. Mark D. Harnitchek.

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General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 25, 2011)

The Chief of Staff, Army announces the following officer assignment: Army Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Richardson, director, J-4, U.S. Forces-Iraq, OPERATION NEW DAWN, Iraq to commanding general, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 28, 2011)

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

- Air Force Col. Michael T. Brewer has been nominated to the rank of brigadier general. Brewer is currently serving as commander, Arnold Engineering Development Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn.
- Air Force Col. Cedric D. George has been nominated to the rank of brigadier general. George is currently serving as commander, 76th Maintenance Wing, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
- Air Force Col. Allen J. Jamerson has been nominated to the rank of brigadier general. Jamerson is currently serving as chief of staff, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Air Force Col. John E. Michel has been nominated to the rank of brigadier general. Michel is currently serving as

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deputy director, strategy, policy, programs, and logistics, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

- Air Force Col. Sarah E. Zabel has been nominated to the rank of brigadier general. Zabel is currently serving as commander, 75th Air Base Wing, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 29, 2011)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: Wendy R. Anderson has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service as special assistant to the deputy secretary of defense, Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C. Anderson previously served as special assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics), Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 5, 2011)

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

- Brig. Gen. Joseph L. Bass, commanding general, U.S. Army Expeditionary Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to director for contracting, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Theodore C. Harrison, deputy chief of contracting management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C., to commanding general, U.S. Army Expeditionary Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Brig. Gen. Stephen B. Leisenring, commanding general, Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to deputy commander, Joint Theater Support Contracting Command, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.
- Brig. Gen. Kirk F. Vollmecke, director for contracting, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Washington, D.C., to commanding general, Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
- Col. James E. Simpson, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, senior contracting official – Iraq, Joint Theater Support Contracting Command, Operation New Dawn, Iraq, to deputy chief of contracting management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.