

U.S. Senate Confirms Two Top Defense Officials to Key Acquisition Positions

On Thursday, May 24, 2012, the U.S. Senate, by a unanimous voice vote, confirmed Frank Kendall as Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. On the same day, the Senate also confirmed Katharina G. McFarland as the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition). McFarland continues to serve as President of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU).

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 6, 2012)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Maj. Gen. Barbara J. Faulkenberry, director, logistics, Headquarters U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany, to vice commander, Eighteenth Air Force, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 10, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: Douglas Packard has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as vice director for procurement and vice chief, Defense Information Technology Organization, Defense Information Systems Agency, Ft. Meade, Md. Packard previously served as program manager, oversight and assessment, Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Department of Army, Ft. Eustis, Va.

Senior Executive Service Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 17, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment and reassignments:

- Robert T. Jennings has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as director, investment and acquisition management, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Washington, D.C. Jennings previously served as supervisory management analyst, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Washington, D.C.
- Matthew Beebe has been assigned as deputy director, Defense logistics Agency acquisition, Defense Logistics

Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va. Beebe previously served as executive director, operational contract support, Fort Belvoir, Va.

- Edward Case has been assigned as vice director, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va. Case previously served as director, Defense Logistics Agency information operations, Fort Belvoir, Va.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 17, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Army Reserve Col. Francisco A. Espailat, for appointment to the rank of brigadier general, and for assignment as mobilization assistant to the deputy director (individual mobilization augmentee), Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va. Espailat is currently serving as project manager, combined arms tactical trainers (Army Guard Reserve), Program Executive Office-Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Orlando, Fla.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 20, 2012)

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

- Brig. Gen. David A. Harris, vice commander, Air Armament Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., to commander, 96th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
- Col. Michael T. Brewer, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, commander, Arnold Engineering Development Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., to commander, 412th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
- Col. Cedric D. George, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, commander, 76th Maintenance Wing, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., to commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
- Col. Allen J. Jamerson, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, chief of staff, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to director, security forces, deputy chief of staff, logistics, installations and mission support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 27, 2012)

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

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- Brig. Howard B. Baker, who has been selected for the rank of major general, commander, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to commander, Ogden Air Logistics Complex, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.
- Brig. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck, commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Air Combat Command, Southwest Asia, to commander, Defense Logistics Agency – Energy, Fort Belvoir, Va. (Previously announced on Mar. 22, 2012 going from commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Air Combat Command, Southwest Asia, to commander, Defense Logistics Agency – Distribution, New Cumberland, Pa.

Senate Confirms 3 AFMC Senior Leader Nominations

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (APRIL 27, 2012)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Air Force officials announced April 27, 2012, the Senate confirmations of three Air Force Materiel Command senior leaders' nominations.

Officials announced the Senate confirmation of Maj. Gen. Andrew E. Busch, commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to the rank of lieutenant general with assignment to the position of AFMC vice commander here.

Also announced were the confirmations of Lt. Gen. Charles R. Davis, commander of the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., to the position of Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition at the Pentagon, in Washington, D.C.; and, Maj. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield, commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker AFB, Okla., for promotion to the grade of lieutenant general, with assignment to lead the new Air Force Sustainment Center at Tinker AFB.

Prior to Busch's assignment as the Ogden ALC commander in July 2009, he was the commander of Defense Supply Center Richmond, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, in Richmond, Va.

Busch has served in a variety of sortie production roles and commanded three maintenance squadrons and a maintenance wing. He also has experience in supply, transportation, and acquisition issues at the wholesale logistics level. Busch is Level III certified in life cycle logistics and Level II certified in program management. He is a designated Joint Qualified Officer.

Prior to Davis' assignment as ESC commander in September 2011, he was the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Weapons and Air Armament Center commander at Eglin AFB, Fla.

Davis' previous assignments include serving on the Air Staff under the director of Air Force Test and Evaluation; leading divisions in both the F-16 and F-15 program offices; serving as director of the F-15 and Flight Training System Program Offices; and serving as the Joint Primary Aircraft Training (T-6A) System Program director. He is an experimental test pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours in 53 types of aircraft.

Prior to Litchfield's assignment as commander of the Oklahoma City ALC in November 2011, he was the Special Assistant to the AFMC Commander at Tinker AFB.

Litchfield's previous assignments include logistics and acquisition assignments supporting weapon systems at wing, major command, Air Staff, and the Joint Staff levels. He has commanded a supply squadron, logistics group, and combat support systems wing and was the director of Logistics at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

The command's maintenance and supply mission will be led by the new Air Force Sustainment Center at Tinker AFB. The AFSC will consolidate oversight of most missions now performed at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker AFB; the Warner Robins ALC at Robins AFB, Ga.; and the Ogden ALC at Hill AFB. The three ALC headquarters will stand down and their combined workforce will report to the new AFSC. Each location will continue to operate one of the Air Force's three air depots, to be named the Oklahoma City, Warner Robins, and Ogden Air Logistics Complexes, respectively.

The AFSC is planned to reach initial operating capability at Tinker AFB in October 2012.

The AFMC restructure was announced Nov. 2, 2011, as part of several Air Force efficiency efforts. The restructure will cut overhead costs and redundant layers of center headquarters staffs and is expected to generate Air Force savings of \$109 million annually. The restructure will improve AFMC's overall management of the Air Force's research and development, test and evaluation, life cycle management, and sustainment of weapon systems and nuclear support, and will allow AFMC to provide better support to the warfighter and use taxpayer dollars more efficiently.



Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley presents the 2010 Eugene M. Zuckert Management Award to Charles Henderson during a ceremony in the Pentagon, June 29, 2011.

U.S. Air Force photo by Andy Morataya

Senior Executive Service Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 1, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointments and reassignments:

- William J. Tinston has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as program executive officer, Defense Logistics Agency information operations, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va. Tinston previously served as information technology specialist, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- Alisa Stack has been assigned as principal deputy director, task force on business stability operations, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Washington, D.C. Stack previously served as foreign relations and defense policy manager (Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (May 2, 2012)

The chief of staff, Army announced today the following assignment: Col. Peggy C. Combs, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, deputy commander, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Ky., to commandant, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Key Leader in Air Force Nuclear Enterprise Passes Away

AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE (MAY 4, 2012)

WASHINGTON—A top Air Force senior advisor and leader involved in the integration of nuclear capabilities into Air Force, as well as joint and coalition, operations passed away May 3 following a lengthy illness.

Charles R. “Ron” Henderson, the deputy assistant chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration, died in Clifton, Va., at the age of 64.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz described Henderson as a man of tremendous loyalty and nobility—a leader who “brought calm to the boardroom and the battlefield.”

“Ron Henderson was a tremendous leader and a great American,” Schwartz said. “Both in uniform and as a senior civilian, he epitomized all that is great about our Air Force. On behalf of all airmen, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Ron’s family and friends.”

Henderson was recently presented the 2010 Eugene M. Zuckert Management Award by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. Henderson had re-infused a culture of continuous improvement, and attention to detail and discipline, that increased the nation’s security and strengthened deterrence, Donley said during the award ceremony.

A command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours in training, bomber, and tanker aircraft, Henderson was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1970 following graduation from the University of Tennessee.

He began his active-duty career as a B-52 Stratofortress pilot and went on to hold positions that included quality insurance officer, instructor pilot, flight commander, operations officer, and a military assistant to an assistant deputy under secretary of defense.

He commanded a bomb squadron in North Dakota, a bomb wing in Kansas, a bomb wing in South Dakota, and a wing in Texas. He was also the commanding general of the Combined Task Force Operation Provide Comfort at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

During his active-duty career, Henderson also held positions in the Pentagon that included chief of the nuclear operations and command and control division on the Joint Staff, as well as deputy director of operational requirements, director for command and control, and director of operations and training on the Air Staff.

His last active duty assignment took Henderson to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., where he was the director of plans and policy for U.S. Strategic Command. He retired from military service in 2000 as an Air Force major general.

Henderson then spent more than seven years in private industry, working in areas dealing with national security-related issues, programs and initiatives.

In 2008, Henderson came back to the Air Force in a civilian capacity as the senior advisor to the director of nuclear operations. He was soon promoted to his final duty position, in which he continued his service to the Air Force as a senior advisor to the Air Force secretary and chief of staff.

Henderson is survived by his wife Linda, children Andrew, Robin and Chris, and six grandchildren.

Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (May 10, 2012)

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

- Navy Capt. Brian K. Antonio has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Antonio is currently serving as the executive assistant to the assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. David J. Hahn has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Hahn is currently serving as major program manager, Submarine Combat and Weapons Control Systems, PMS-425, Program Executive Office for Submarines, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. John P. Neagley has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Neagley is currently serving as major program manager for littoral combat ships, PMS-501, Program Executive Office for Littoral Combat Ships, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. Paul A. Sohl has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Sohl is currently serving as commanding officer, Naval Test Wing Pacific, Pt. Mugu, Calif.
- Navy Capt. Ricky L. Williamson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Williamson is currently serving as deputy director, plans and programs, Naval Installations Command, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (May 10, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Army Reserve Col. Michael S. Tuomey has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general and assignment as deputy commander for mobilization (individual mobilization augmentee), Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Tuomey is currently serving

as commander (troop program unit), Army Reserve Element, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (May 11, 2012)

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

- Brig. Gen. Scott D. West, deputy director, operations, plans, programs and requirements, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, to commander, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
- Maj. Gen. John F. Thompson, deputy director, Joint Strike Fighter Program, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Arlington, Va., to KC-46 program executive officer and program director, Tanker Modernization Directorate, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Maj. Gen. Christopher C. Bogdan, KC-46 program executive officer and program director, Tanker Modernization Directorate, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to deputy director, Joint Strike Fighter Program, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Arlington, Va.
- Maj. Gen. Robert E. Wheeler, deputy director, nuclear operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., to military deputy to the Department of Defense chief information officer, Office of the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Col. Ferdinand B. Stoss, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, chief, current operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., to deputy director, nuclear operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (May 15, 2012)

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

- Marine Corps Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. for reappointment to the rank of lieutenant general, and for assignment as commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command. Paxton is currently serving as the commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force; commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Africa, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Robert B. Neller for reappointment to the rank of lieutenant general, and for assignment as commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command.

Neller is currently serving as the director for operations, J-3, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

- Marine Corps Maj. Gen. John A. Toolan Jr. for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general, and for assignment as commanding general, I Marine Expeditionary Force. Toolan is currently serving as the commanding general, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- Marine Corps Maj. Gen. William M. Faulkner for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general, and for assignment as deputy commandant for installations and logistics. Faulkner is currently serving as the vice director, J-4, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Air Force Announces AFMC Senior Leader Moves

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MAY 17, 2012)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Air Force officials announced May 17, 2012, the retirement of a general officer within Air Force Materiel Command, along with the new assignments of three others.

Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr. will become commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. He is currently the commander of the Air Force Security Assistance Center located at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Bunch will succeed Brig. Gen. Robert C. Nolan II, the current AFFTC commander, who is retiring.

Brig. Gen. James E. Haywood will become commander of the Air Force Security Assistance Center. Currently, Haywood is the director of Strategic Plans, Programs and Analyses at Headquarters AFMC.

Brig. Gen. Stephen T. Denker will succeed Haywood as the director of Strategic Plans, Programs and Analyses at Headquarters AFMC. He currently serves as commandant of Air Command and Staff College and vice commander of the Spaatz Center for Officer Education at Air University, located at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (May 18, 2012)

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

- Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr. commander, Air Force Security Assistance Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to commander, Air Force Flight Test Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
- Brig. Gen. James E. Haywood, director, strategic plans, programs and analyses, Headquarters Air Force Mate-

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riel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to commander, Air Force Security Assistance Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

- Brig. Gen. Stephen T. Denker, commandant, Air Command and Staff College and vice commander, Spaatz Center for Officer Education, Air University, Air Education and Training Command, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to director, strategic plans, programs and analyses, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Maj. Gen. Jay G. Santee, principal director, strategic capabilities, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategic Capabilities), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to deputy director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (May 23, 2012)

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) Richard D. Berkey, who has been selected for the rank of rear admiral, will be assigned as fleet maintenance officer, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va. Berkey is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for fleet maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- Capt. Mark R. Whitney, who has been selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as deputy commander, logistics, maintenance, and industrial operations, Sea-04, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Whitney is currently serving as commander, Puget Sound Navy Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Bremerton, Wash.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Mathias W. Winter will be assigned as program executive officer for strike weapons and unmanned aviation, Patuxent, Md. Winter is currently serving as commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division/assistant commander for test and evaluation, Naval Air Systems Command, Air-5.0, China Lake, Calif.

General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (May 25, 2012)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Mark M. McLeod, director of logistics, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, to director for logistics, engineer and security assistance, Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.