

Army's First Female Program Executive Officer Begins Tenure

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The Army marked a historic milestone on Nov. 20, 2009, when Brig. Gen. N. Lee S. Price became leader of the Army's Program Executive Office (PEO) Command, Control, and Communications-Tactical during a Change of Charter Ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., presided over by Army Acquisition Executive Dean G. Popp, the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics, and technology, who leads 13 PEOs, including PEO C3T. This continues a historic trend, marked notably in July 2008 when the United States Senate unanimously confirmed Gen. Ann Dunwoody as the Army's first female four-star general.

Price will now lead a workforce of more than 1,900 employees stationed across the world and an annual budget that exceeded \$6 billion in 2009. She rejoins an Army Team C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) community, which she said seems to "always make the impossible happen."

In addition, she will lead eight program offices and will continue the efforts of her predecessor, Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, to rapidly field Army Team C4ISR capabilities in alignment with the Army Force Generation process; integrate multiple stand-alone systems within platforms and tactical operations centers into singular, standardized architectures; and create shared efficiencies between the acquisition and science and technology communities as technologies are transitioned between them.

The Army's first female general officers were promoted on June 11, 1970, when Secretary of the Army Stanley Rogers Resor promoted both Col. Anna Mae Hays, chief of the Army Nurse Corps, and Col. Elizabeth P. Hoisington, director of the Women's Army Corps, to brigadier general.

Another notable leader aiding the advancement of women in the military is Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia A. Pritchett, the senior enlisted leader for the Army element of the U.S. Central Command, who is the longest serving female command sergeant major in the service. Pritchett joined the Women's Army Corps in July 1973 before it was integrated into the regular Army. She will formally retire in March 2010.

"Brig. Gen. Price is an excellent choice to lead this program executive office," said Popp, who also serves as acting assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics, and technology. "She has the technical background, the manage-

ment skills, and the full understanding of our soldiers' needs" as she takes command.

Price's previous assignment began in July 2007 as deputy program manager for Brigade Combat Team-Network Integration of the former Future Combat Systems program, now known as PEO Integration.

During the ceremony, Popp presented the Legion of Merit Award to Price for her work in delivering an integrated brigade combat team capability to the Army in her previous assignment. She received the Army Acquisition Excellence Project Manager (PM) of the Year Award in October 2004 when she was PM for Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems.

Prior to her assignment to PEO Integration, she held a three-year tenure as the deputy acquisition executive for the United States Special Operations Command. Earlier positions included tactical integration manager for the Defense Message System, Defense Information Systems Agency; chief of the director's group working for the DISA director; and project manager, Defense Information Systems Network-Pacific, a \$2.5 billion Joint Services program. She also served as product manager, Theater Automated Command and Control Information Management System in Seoul, Korea.

Price began her military career in 1975 as a private first class in the Alabama National Guard, and after being commissioned through Officer Candidate School, she was transferred to the Signal Corps. She entered active duty in October 1981.

PEO C3T develops, fields, and sustains a vast range of capabilities fielded to units in training and in-theater to regions throughout the world. These include power generation; satellite communications and network capabilities; digital tools to plan the battle; intelligence and situational awareness systems; current force radios; and capabilities to sense and warn of incoming mortar attacks.

Face of Defense: Aircraft Maintainer Becomes Logistics Manager

SPECIAL TO AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (DEC. 4, 2009)

Air Force Capt. Kellie Courtland

RICHMOND, Va.—Craig "Bud" Weiser truly understands the required sense of urgency at Defense Supply Center Richmond when it comes to warfighter support. As a supplier relations manager, Weiser knows how important his job is to military customers because he used to be one of them.

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The supply center manages the aviation demand and supply chain for the Defense Logistics Agency. It is the Defense Department's primary source for more than 1.3 million aviation repair parts and operating supply items, supporting more than 1,300 major weapons systems.

After 22 years in the Air Force as an aircraft maintainer for the F-16 and F-4, Weiser said he was naturally attracted to DLA's mission in warfighter support. His background in quality assurance and experience as an original equipment manufacturer technical supervisor—coupled with his military experience—made him the top pick for his current job.

The wide scope of daily responsibilities for the center's supplier relations managers includes helping procurement directors interact with major equipment manufacturers. As a supplier relations manager, Weiser builds and monitors supplier partnerships, develops new business, and communicates and acts as a liaison between manufacturers and customers.

Mark Shultz is one of Weiser's few fellow supplier managers in Richmond under the strategic acquisition directorate. He said their job allows them to reach out to new procurement sites and really work the demand and supply chain enterprise. "Unlike many jobs, I can do a variety of things every day with very few boundaries," he said. "I work with people everywhere in DLA and across the globe, and with all my supplier partners."

"SRMs [supplier relations managers] make the job; it is all about what they do with it," said Weiser's manager, Carol Martin. "They must be able to balance many different types of scenarios simultaneously."

Weiser said he starts his day with a cup of coffee, a smile, and a great attitude. "You have to be friendly and ready to do business every time you talk to or meet with your strategic partners."

Weiser is a supplier manager for Eaton Corporation, Lockheed Martin, and Canadian Commercial Corporation, which primarily provide aviation parts and engine components. He focuses on giving his suppliers timely and accurate advice so they have the tools and information needed to best support DLA and its military customers.

Weiser directs much of his energy into coordinating quarterly joint steering group meetings with each of his suppliers. At a recent Eaton Aerospace meeting, for example, he brought Eaton's corporate leaders together with members of a DLA Integrated Supplier Team to address target areas

for improvement. As co-chair, he led the discussion to tackle issues that included corporate contracts, joint opportunities, a new charter, roadmap updates, goals, metrics, hot DLA items, and team accomplishments.

Defense Logistics Agency Oklahoma City, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., is the forward arm of Defense Supply Center Richmond. DLA Oklahoma City is responsible for the daily operations of all aviation supply chain retail supply, storage, and distribution support to the Air Force 76th Maintenance Wing.

Courtland writes for Defense Supply Center Richmond public affairs.

GSA Veteran Kempf Becomes Deputy Federal Acquisition Service Commissioner

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PRESS RELEASE (JAN. 8, 2010)

Matthew Weigelt

Steve Kempf is set to become the new No. 2 official at the General Services Administration's Federal Acquisition Service, GSA has announced. Kempf will be the new deputy FAS commissioner, replacing Tyree Varnado, the previous deputy, who retired Jan. 3 after nearly 40 years in the government, according to a GSA announcement.

Kempf joined GSA in 1992, beginning as a marketing coordinator for the agency's Office of Technology Assistance and the Center for Federal Systems Integration and Management (FEDSIM).

"Steve's 18 years in FAS gives him an expansive and deep understanding of the program's customers, stakeholders, and employees," said GSA Acting Administrator Stephen Leeds. "He is the right person to help lead FAS into the new decade."

Kempf also was the technical chairperson for GSA's first governmentwide acquisition contract. In January 2000, he became a senior project manager, operations manager, and customer services director for Defense Department programs at FEDSIM. Kempf was appointed deputy assistant commissioner for Integrated Technology Services in 2007. In 2008, he was named the assistant commissioner for acquisition management at FAS.

"Steve knows FAS inside and out, and his long history with the organization ensures continuity in our delivery of outstanding service, innovation, and value to our customers and the American taxpayer," FAS Commissioner Jim Williams said.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 10, 2009)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Air Force Brig. Gen. David S. Post has been nominated to the rank of major general while serving as the mobilization assistant to the commander/Commander Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 15, 2009)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Navy Vice Adm. David Architzel for reappointment to the rank of vice admiral and assignment as commander, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md. Architzel is currently serving as principal deputy assistant secretary of the Navy (research, development and acquisition), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 15, 2009)

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

- Air Force Col. Gary C. Blaszkiewicz has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general while serving as associate director, logistics, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Col. Richard O. Middleton II has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general while serving as mobilization assistant to the director of logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- Air Force Col. Jane C. Rohr has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general while serving as mobilization assistant to the commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
- Air Force Col. Patricia A. Rose has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general while serving as mobilization assistant to the director for logistics, engineering, and security assistance, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii.
- Air Force Col. Peter Sefcik Jr. has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general while serving as mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Air Force Col. James F. Smith has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general while serving as mobilization assistant to the director, strategic plans, programs, and

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

General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 24, 2009)

The Army Chief of Staff announced the following assignment: Maj. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, director, logistics operations, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va., to deputy commanding general, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 28, 2009)

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead announced today the following assignments:

- Rear Adm. (lower half) Terry J. Benedict will be assigned as director for strategic systems programs, Arlington, Va. Benedict is currently serving as program executive officer for integrated warfare systems, Washington, D.C.
- Rear Adm. Julius S. Caesar will be assigned as vice director, joint concept development and experimentation, J9, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va. Caesar previously served as deputy commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington, D.C.
- Rear Adm. Christopher J. Mossey will be assigned as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and chief of civil engineers, Washington, D.C. Mossey is currently serving as director, Ashore Readiness Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and vice commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington, D.C.

DLA Senior Leader Receives New Assignment

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS (DEC. 28, 2009)

The director of the Defense Logistics Agency logistics operations and readiness directorate is being assigned as the United States Forces-Afghanistan deputy commanding general, Army officials announced Dec. 24.

In his new role, Army Maj. Gen. Timothy McHale will be responsible for the support of all U.S. Forces deployed for operations in Afghanistan.

“This is a testament to Tim’s leadership and achievements throughout his career. His broad experience as one of the Army’s preeminent logisticians makes him uniquely qualified for this position,” DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson said in an e-mail to agency senior leaders. “While his time at DLA has been short, Tim’s impact as the J-3/4

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has been significant and lasting for both the warfighter and the agency.”

McHale’s previous assignments include service as director of the Security Agreement Secretariat for Multi-National Force-Iraq and director of logistics for Multi-National Force-Iraq.

Promotion Ceremony Welcomes New AFMC Vice Commander

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (DEC. 31, 2009)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—It was a family reunion when Air Force Materiel Command formally welcomed its new vice commander with a promotion ceremony Dec. 30, 2009, at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

More than 20 family members of Lt. Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger and an estimated 250 civic leaders, current and former coworkers attended the ceremony at which the general’s husband, daughter, and parents pinned on her three-star rank. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, AFMC commander, presided.

Wolfenbarger assumed her new position Dec. 4 following U.S. Senate confirmation of her promotion and appointment. As vice commander of AFMC, she is responsible for providing acquisition management and logistics support for a variety of Air Force aircraft and weapon systems. She is the Air Force’s highest ranking woman, and the second AFMC vice commander in a row to hold that distinction.

Previously, Wolfenbarger was the director of Intelligence and Requirements at Headquarters AFMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The general’s previous assignments also include commander of the C-17 Systems Group, Mobility Systems Wing, Aeronautical Systems Center, at Wright-Patterson, and special assistant for command transformation to the AFMC commander. She also held several positions in the F-22 System Program Office at Wright-Patterson, and served as the F-22 lead program element monitor at the Pentagon. Also at Wright-Patterson, she was the B-2 system program director for Aeronautical Systems Center from April 2000 through December 2002.

In 1980, Wolfenbarger was among the first women to graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy, earning a bachelor of science degree in engineering sciences. In 1985, she received a master of science degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She also earned a master of science degree in national resource

strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, at Ft. Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C.

DoD Announces New Defense Science Board Membership

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

The Department of Defense announced today the appointment of 39 new Defense Science Board members and 12 DSB senior fellows <<http://www.defense.gov/news/dsb-members.pdf>>. These men and women are leaders in their fields of science, technology, industry, and fields that relate directly to the department and military services. They join the previously announced DSB chairman, Paul G. Kaminski, and vice chairman, retired Air Force Gen. Lester L. Lyles.

The Defense Science Board, a federal advisory board, provides the secretary, deputy secretary, and under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology, and logistics with independent, informed advice and opinion on scientific, technical, manufacturing, acquisition process, and other matters of special interest to the Department of Defense.

Secretary of Defense Gates believes the DSB needs to be “a professional board representing the best scientific and expert advice available to the Department of Defense,” said Ashton B. Carter, under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology, and logistics. “We are grateful to these superb individuals for their willingness to serve.”

The DSB was established in 1956 as a standing committee to advise top Pentagon leadership on “the needs and opportunities presented by new scientific knowledge for radically new weapons systems” and has evolved to develop and strengthen the department’s research and development strategies for the 21st century through their reports.

More information on the Defense Science Board can be found at <<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb>>.

De Vincentis Named Interim J-3/4 Director

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 5, 2010)

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The Defense Logistics Agency’s chief information officer has been named interim director of logistics operations and readiness.

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson announced his selection of Mae De Vincentis, who is also director of information operations, as the temporary replacement for Army Maj. Gen. Tim McHale to senior leaders via e-mail.

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McHale is leaving DLA to become deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Forces, Afghanistan.

“Mae’s vast experience and superb leadership skills make her the ideal choice to take on this critical senior leadership position during this particularly challenging time. She is well-known and highly regarded not only inside DLA, but also throughout the Department of Defense and the military services,” Thompson wrote.

Ted Case, DLA’s deputy director of information operations and chief technology officer, has been named acting director of information operations.

The appointments are effective until a permanent general/flag officer replacement for McHale is selected and arrives, which Thompson said he expects to be sometime this summer.

Thompson said that he is also moving forward to quickly fill the vacant J-3/4 deputy director position, formerly held by Paul Peters, who left DLA Jan. 4 for a senior executive assignment within the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Kunkel Named Next Energy Support Center Commander

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 5, 2010)

Dianne Ryder

Defense Logistics Agency Chief of Staff Navy Rear Adm. Kurt Kunkel has been named the next commander of the Defense Energy Support Center.

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson announced in an e-mail to senior agency officials that Kunkel will replace Kim Huntley, DESC’s director since June 2008, who is scheduled to retire Jan. 25.

In his role as DESC commander, Kunkel will be responsible for providing the Department of Defense and other government agencies with comprehensive energy solutions and ensuring continuous worldwide energy support to America’s warfighters.

A native of Warner Robins, Ga., Kunkel graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., in 1982, receiving a bachelor of science degree (with Merit) in Oceanography. He earned a master of science degree in financial management from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., in 1992. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.; the Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.; and completed the Columbia University Graduate School of Business Senior Executive Program.

Prior to becoming DLA’s chief of staff, Kunkel served as the deputy director for operational logistics, director of logistics (J4), on the Joint Staff.

Thompson Honors Departing Executives

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 6, 2010)

Dianne Ryder

The Defense Logistics Agency honored three departing senior executives for their dedicated service at a Jan. 4 luncheon hosted by Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson. Paul Peters, deputy director of logistics operations and readiness, has accepted a position in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Dave Falvey, director of enterprise solutions in the information operations directorate, and Kim Huntley, director of the Defense Energy Support Center, are retiring from federal service.

Thompson detailed each of the executives’ careers for those in attendance.

Paul Peters left DLA Jan. 4 for another position—a senior executive assignment within the Office of the Secretary of Defense that involves direct oversight of DLA, Thompson said. Peters was selected for the Senior Executive Service in 2006. He served as director of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service and deputy commander of the Defense Distribution Center before assuming the deputy director slot in logistics operations and readiness. In his new capacity, Thompson predicts Peters’ work will have a broad impact on DLA and the military services.

“No one has the experience, the personal qualities, the drive, the proven ability to take a monumental task to execution like Paul has demonstrated repeatedly over the years,” the admiral said. Thompson presented Peters the highest award for civilian employees, the Exceptional Civilian Service Award.

Falvey served as a Navy Supply Corps officer and later as a civilian employee at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service before coming to work for DLA in 1999. As the business systems modernization program manager and later as program executive officer for enterprise resource planning, Falvey was integral to the construction of DLA’s enterprise business system, Thompson explained. Falvey was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in November 2001, and held the rank of captain in the Navy Reserve until his retirement in 2004.

“The best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” Falvey said, quoting former President Teddy Roosevelt. “I think what we do here at DLA is work worth doing.”

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Like Falvey, Huntley is also retiring after serving first in the Navy and later as a civilian employee. Huntley served in the Defense Subsistence Regions in the Pacific and Europe prior to becoming deputy commander of DLA Europe, Thompson said. Huntley later served as deputy commander of Defense Supply Center Columbus, Ohio, and deputy commander of the Defense Supply Center Richmond, Va., before becoming DESC's director.

Thompson praised DESC as a "phenomenal customer-focused support organization," and explained that fuel has never been a limiter to military operations, particularly in Afghanistan. He noted the challenges of moving the commodity and staying ahead of the customer's requirement and how impressive Huntley's leadership has been.

"Kim has really set a very high standard of hands-on, engaged, positive leadership and ... has really taken the organization to a whole new level," the admiral said.

Boor Named Next DLA Chief of Staff

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 6, 2010)

Tonya Johnson

An Army Reserve brigadier general in the Defense Logistics Agency's logistics operations and readiness directorate has been named the agency's next chief of staff.

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson announced his selection of Army Brig. Gen. Margaret Boor, currently serving as the J-3/4 chief of staff, to the position in an e-mail sent to senior leaders Jan. 4.

As the DLA chief of staff, Boor will be responsible for coordinating activities across DLA's worldwide enterprise and overseeing several staff functions.

"As the current J-3/4 chief of staff, Maggie has been integral to the agency's efforts in operational support and the readiness of our warfighting and industrial customers," Thompson wrote. "She is a proven Army and joint senior leader and logistician. I could not be more pleased to now have her assume the agency chief of staff position."

Boor was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1980 after serving three years as an enlisted soldier. She began her Army Reserve career in 1984. Prior to her assignment at DLA, Boor served as the chief of staff for the 81st Regional Readiness Command in Birmingham, Ala.

Her command assignments include: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 171st Corps Support Group, Garner, N.C.; Headquarters Commandant, 310th Theater Army Area

Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.; 362nd Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Supply), Kinston, N.C.; 642nd Area Support Group, Fort Gordon, Ga. (acting commander); and 171st Area Support Group, Garner, N.C.

Boor graduated from the Army War College in 2004, earning a master's degree in strategic studies. She will replace the current chief of staff, Navy Rear Adm. Kurt Kunkel, who is scheduled to become Defense Energy Support Center commander Jan. 27.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 11, 2010)

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

- Maj. Gen. Susan K. Mashiko, director, space acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to deputy director, National Reconnaissance Office, and commander, Air Force Space Command Element, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.
- Brig. Gen. John E. Hyten, director, cyber and space operations, Directorate of Operations, deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to director, space acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Craig S. Olson, chief, Office of Security Cooperation, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq, to program executive officer, Enterprise Information Systems, Electronic Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

Senior Executive Service Appointment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 20, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: Gary B. Spjut has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as deputy regional director, eastern region, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Smyrna, Ga. Spjut previously served as regional audit manager, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Irving, Texas.