

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.

Senior Executive Service Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 7, 2010)

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

- Edward T. Morehouse has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as principal deputy director, operational energy plans and programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C. Morehouse previously served as an independent consultant, Alexandria, Va.
- Donald C. Stanton has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as deputy assistant secretary of defense (transportation policy), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C. Stanton previously served as an international pilot with Delta Air Lines, Alexandria, Va.
- Kristen Baldwin has been assigned as principal deputy director, systems engineering, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C. Baldwin previously served as deputy director, software engineering and systems assurance, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 14, 2010)

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

- Air Force Col. Casey D. Blake has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general. Blake is currently serving as the commander, Defense Contract Management Agency, Lockheed Martin Marietta, Marietta City, Ga.

- Air Force Col. David A. Harris has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general. Harris is currently serving as the vice commander, Air Armament Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
- Air Force Col. Lawrence M. Martin Jr., has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general. Martin is currently serving as the deputy director-military, J5/4, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- Air Force Col. Mark M. McLeod has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general. McLeod is currently serving as the associate director, program integration, deputy chief of staff, logistics, installations, and mission support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- Air Force Col. Richard S. Stapp has been nominated to the grade of brigadier general. Stapp is currently serving as the chief, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 7, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service, senior leader, and scientific and professional reassignment: James J. Streilein has been assigned as deputy director, net-centric and space systems, director, operational test and evaluation, Washington, D.C. Streilein previously served as executive director, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Department of the Army, Alexandria, Va.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 16, 2010)

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

- Air Force Col. David B. O'Brien has been nominated to the rank of brigadier general while serving as mobilization assistant to the director, Defense Contract Management Agency, Alexandria, Va.
- Air Force Col. Jocelyn M. Seng has been nominated to the rank of brigadier general while serving as mobilization assistant to the Air Force deputy assistant secretary for acquisition integration, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D. C.
- Air Force Col. Edward P. Yarish has been nominated to the rank of brigadier general while serving as mobilization assistant to the commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 28, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: Paul D. Mann has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as assistant deputy director, ground systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics),.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 11, 2011)

Joseph H. Jeu has been assigned as director, Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, Va. Jeu previously served as assistant commissioner, General Supplies and Services Portfolio/Federal Acquisition Services, General Services Administration, Arlington, Va.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 18, 2011)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: David M. Wennergren has been assigned as director, Business Transformation Agency, Washington, D.C., in addition to his duties as the Department of Defense assistant deputy chief management officer, Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 18, 2011)

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

- Brig. Gen. Samuel A. R. Greaves, vice commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., to director of plans, programs and analyses, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
- Col. Roger W. Teague, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, commander, Space Based Infrared Systems Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., to vice commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
- Col. Casey D. Blake, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, commander, Defense Contract Management Agency, Lockheed Martin Marietta, Marietta, Ga., to deputy commander, U.S. Central Command-Joint Theater Support Contracting Command, Afghanistan.

New Commander Takes Lead at Nuclear Weapons Center

377TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS (JAN. 21, 2011)

Stefan T. Bocchino

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.—Brig. Gen. Garrett Harencak became commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, succeeding Brig. Gen. Everett Thomas, in a Jan. 20, 2011, ceremony here. Gen. Donald Hoffman, Air Force Materiel Command commander, presided over the change of command. About 300 people, including commanders, employees, family members, and community leaders attended the ceremony.

“To the men and women of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center—you are an incredible team of dedicated, patriotic Americans, directly responsible for the ultimate defense of the nation we have sworn to protect,” said Harencak. “All of you, regardless of your particular duties day-to-day, are worthy of our highest praise and gratitude.”

Harencak discussed the difficulty of a work environment where nothing short of perfection is required every day. In antiquity he said there was a saying that “all roads lead to Rome.” He said that, working together, they would make sure all nuclear deterrent roads lead to Kirtland.

“As your commander, I pledge to you 100 percent of my energy, 100 percent of my support, and every resource that I can legally obtain,” said Harencak. “Together, we will continue the tremendous work you have done and build on your success. We will accomplish even more—not for us, our jobs or our careers—but for America. It’s my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as your commander.”

Hoffman talked about the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center’s evolution and its beginnings with a staff of only five to 10 people. The center has now grown to more than 300 personnel.

“We now have a single bellybutton for the Air Force in sustainment and assurance that our nuclear weapons are safe, secure, and effective, when and if they have to be used,” said Hoffman. “We have been given additional missions, to include the storage of operational weapons at operational units as part of the center’s responsibility. This dynamic road has been chaperoned by General Thomas.”

Hoffman said senior leaders undoubtedly noted Harencak’s previous experience in selecting him for this assignment. Harencak has commanded two bomb wings and has experience with the broader nuclear mission, coming from the National Nuclear Security Administration.

“The NNSA is the partnership agency that bonds the Department of Defense to the Department of Energy, to make this national mission come about,” said Hoffman. “There’s a very precious partnership there we have with DOE. General Harencaak’s inside knowledge of that relationship will be very important for the future path of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center.”

Hoffman also acknowledged the men and women of the AFNWC, telling them they have a lot to be proud of. He asked them to give the new commander the same loyalty they gave to the previous commander, so the center can continue to grow as an effective organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 21, 2011)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Marine Corps Col. Niel E. Nelson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Nelson is currently serving as the executive assistant to the deputy commandant for installations and logistics, Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 24, 2011)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Army Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Via has been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as deputy commanding general/chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Via is currently serving as director for command, control, communications and computer (C4) systems, J-6, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Navy’s Military Sealift Command Welcomes New Executive Director

MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (JAN. 24, 2011)

The U.S. Navy’s Military Sealift Command welcomed its new executive director John Thackrah Jan. 24. Thackrah, a member of the Senior Executive Service, will oversee MSC’s business operations and serve as a senior advisor to MSC’s commanding admirals.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., MSC is the ocean transportation provider for the Department of Defense, responsible for the operation of more than 110 civilian-crewed, noncombatant ships supporting military and humanitarian missions worldwide.

Thackrah comes to MSC from the Navy’s Strategic Systems Program, where he served as the principal deputy. SSP pro-

vides the nation’s sea-based deterrent missile systems. Thackrah began his Navy career in 2005 as the deputy assistant secretary for management and budget. Thackrah has also served as assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition and as chief of staff to the assistant secretary of the Navy.

“This is a huge thrill,” said Thackrah. “The reputation of this command precedes it, so being able to come here is really a treat. I’m looking forward to it. It’s a great group of people, a great command, and a great mission that it accomplishes across the spectrum.”

Prior to joining government service, Thackrah was a senior executive at United Technologies Corporation.

Thackrah has a master’s degree in Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a bachelor’s degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering from the University of Delaware.

Air Force Brigadier General Selected as Next DLA Aviation Commander

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS (JAN. 28, 2011)

Defense Logistics Agency Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson has announced the selection of Air Force Brig. Gen. Scott Jansson as the next commander of DLA Aviation, in Richmond, Va.

Jansson has served as director of the Iraq Security Mission, helping the Iraqi government build its military and police forces, since March 2010. He will replace Navy Rear Adm. Vincent L. Griffith, who took command of DLA Aviation in June 2009.

The general has served as a group commander and system program manager for the F-16 Fighting Falcon and as a commander for two wings. Prior to his current assignment, he was vice commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, from August 2009 to March 2010.

Jansson was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1984. He has a master’s degree in astronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and is a distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff College.

In his new role at DLA Aviation, Jansson will oversee the logistics support of more than 1.3 million repair parts and supply items that support 1,300 major weapons systems.

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

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

- Brig. Gen. Charles L. Hudson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Hudson is currently serving as the commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.
- Brig. Gen. Robert R. Ruark has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Ruark is currently serving as the assistant deputy commandant for installations and logistics (facilities), Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 31, 2011)

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

- Maj. Gen. Robert C. Kane, commander, Spaatz Center For Officer Education, and Commandant, Air War College, Air Education and Training Command, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to director, Global Reach Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Lee K. Levy II, commander, 402d Maintenance Wing, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to director, Logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- Brig. Gen. Scott W. Jansson, director, Iraq Security Assistance Mission, U. S. Forces-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq, to commander, Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, Defense Logistics Agency, Richmond, Va.
- Brig. Gen. Robert D. McMurry Jr., commander, Airborne Laser Systems Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., to director, Iraq Security Assistance Mission, U.S. Forces-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 1, 2011)

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

- Patrick Mason has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and is assigned as director, human performance, training, and biosystems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C. Mason previously served

as supervisory physical scientist, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

- Gary Bliss has been assigned as the director, program assessment and root cause analysis, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C. Bliss previously served as deputy director, enterprise information and OSD studies, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 3, 2011)

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead announced today the following assignments:

- Rear Adm. (lower half) Nicholas T. Kalathas will be assigned as commander, Joint Theater Support Contracting Command, U.S. Central Command, Kabul, Afghanistan. Kalathas is currently serving as Department of Defense Contingency program manager for operations contract support, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Washington, D.C.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Jonathan A. Yuen will be assigned as director, logistics and security assistance, J4, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. Yuen is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for logistics, fleet supply and ordnance, N4, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 4, 2011)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Navy Reserve Rear Adm. (lower half) Mark J. Belton has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Belton is currently serving as reserve director, Supply, Ordnance and Logistics Operations Division, N41, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 4, 2011)

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

- Maj. Gen. David J. Scott, director, operational capability requirements, deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to director, air and space operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
- Maj. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield, commander, 76th Maintenance Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker

Air Force Base, Okla., to special assistant to the commander, Air Force Materiel Command, located at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 11, 2011)

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

- Navy Reserve Capt. Althea H. Coetzee has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Coetzee is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve Operations Logistics Readiness Detachment 106, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Reserve Capt. Valerie K. Huegel has been nominated for appointment to the grade of rear admiral (lower half). Huegel is currently serving as director, CJ-4, Logistics Directorate, Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa, Camp Lemonier, Djibouti.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 11, 2011)

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

- Maj. Gen. William N. McCasland, director of special programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to commander, Air Force Research Laboratory, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr., director and program executive officer for the Fighters and Bombers Directorate, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to commander, Air Force Security Assistance Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 18, 2011)

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

- Brig. Gen. Howard B. Baker, director of logistics, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, to commander, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- Col. Mark M. McLeod, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, associate director of program integration, deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to director of logistics, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

- Col. Richard S. Stapp, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, chief, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to deputy director, requirements, J-8, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 3, 2011)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has nominated Army Col. Susan A. Davidson for promotion to the rank of brigadier general. Davidson is currently serving as director for strategy and integration (G-45/7), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 4, 2011)

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead announced today the following assignments:

- Capt. Peter J. Fanta, who has been selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Five/commander, Task Force 51/518, Bahrain. Fanta is currently serving as deputy director, surface warfare for combat systems, N86F, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Charles A. Rainey will be assigned as vice commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Rainey is currently assigned as commanding officer, NR Strategic Mission Analysis, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 7, 2011)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Masiello, deputy assistant secretary for plans, programs and operations, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., to director of special programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.