

## President Announces Picks for Top DoD Posts

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 2012—President Barack Obama today nominated four people to fill key Defense Department posts. The president nominated Erin C. Conaton as under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness; Frank Kendall III as under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics; James N. Miller as under secretary of defense for policy; and Jessica Lynn Wright as assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs. The nominations are subject to Senate confirmation.

"I am grateful that these talented and dedicated individuals have agreed to take on these important roles and devote their talents to serving the American people. I look forward to working with them in the coming months and years," the president said yesterday in a statement announcing his intent to send the nominations to the Senate.

Kendall currently is acting under secretary for acquisition, technology and logistics. He previously has served as principal deputy under secretary in that department,

and in the private sector as a managing partner at Renaissance Strategic Advisors, a technical and program management consultant, and vice president of engineering at Raytheon. Kendall's previous DoD experience includes five years as director of tactical warfare programs, three years as assistant deputy under secretary for strategic systems, and four years as chief of the systems analysis office within the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command. From 1971 to 1982, he served as a U.S. Army officer. He holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., a master's degree from the California Institute of Technology, a master's degree in business administration from Long Island University, and a law degree from The Georgetown University.

If confirmed, Kendall will replace former under secretary Ashton B. Carter, who was sworn in as deputy defense secretary Oct. 6. Carter served in the under secretary position from April 2009.

### Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 8, 2011)

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert announced today the following assignment: Capt. Michael E. Jabaley, who has been selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as vice commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Jabaley is currently serving as major program manager for Virginia class submarines (PMS 450), Program Executive Office for Submarines, Washington, D.C.

### General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 9, 2011)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Robert D. McMurry Jr., deputy chief, support, Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq, to director, space programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

### General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 16, 2011)

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

- Air Force Col. Theron G. Davis has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general and for assignment as assistant deputy director for strategic logistics, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Col. Kathryn J. Johnson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general and for assignment as associate director of logistics, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Col. Vincent M. Saroni has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general and for assignment as mobilization assistant to the Air Force civil engineer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

### Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 27, 2011)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service

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## AT&L Workforce—Key Leadership Changes

reassignment: Timothy C. Carr has been assigned as regional director, central, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Irving, Texas. Carr previously served as deputy regional director, central, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Irving, Texas.

### Air Force Maintenance Icon Dies

377TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS (JAN. 6, 2012)

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.—Retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez died Dec. 30 in Albuquerque, N.M., at age 79.

Throughout his 33-year career, Marquez is credited with revolutionizing the maintenance and logistics career field.

“In my many encounters with General Leo Marquez, he always lived up to his reputation as being one of those guys who just comes right at the issue,” said Col. Walter Lindsley, the 498th Nuclear Systems Wing commander. “You could tell as you spoke with him that he was weighing your words, and he was thinking about the issues, and you were about to benefit from his sage advice.

“He was a man of action, a fighter, a patriot,” Lindsley continued. “He loved the maintenance and logistics community, the Air Force, and his country.”

Today, an Air Force award bears his name. The Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award recognizes military and civil service aircraft, munitions, and missile maintenance personnel who perform hands-on maintenance or manage a maintenance function.

“He is and will always be an icon in the maintenance and logistics community because of his ability to see the problem and cut right to the issue,” said Lindsley, a Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award recipient. “He’s responsible for the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center, our world-class munitions school, and had a hand in the very badge maintainers wear above their left pocket. We have an award named after him that is coveted by maintainers at all levels. His is a lasting legacy and a reminder of the difference one person can make.”

The Air Force Combat Ammunition Center building at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., was dedicated as the “Marquez Academic Hall” in his honor in 2011.

Marquez is also credited for being instrumental in keeping Kirtland Air Force Base operational after it had been placed on the Base Realignment and Closure Commission list in 1995. That year, the Kirtland AFB Retention Task Force said that without his timely and professional expertise, the effort to keep Kirtland AFB from closing would not have been possible.

Marquez was born in Peralta, N.M., in 1932 and graduated from Belen High School in 1949. He entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant in November 1954 when he earned a commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduation from New Mexico State University. In 1978, NMSU named Marquez a distinguished alumnus.

Early in his Air Force career, he was an interceptor pilot, flying F-86s and F-102s. In 1962, Marquez became a maintenance officer and served in a variety of maintenance roles throughout the rest of his career, including as the maintenance control officer for the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing in Vietnam; the logistics project officer in the directorate of maintenance engineering, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics;



In this photo from 2008, Airman Anthony Barardocco, then a student from the 363rd Training Squadron, shows retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez, the former deputy chief of staff for logistics and engineering, some of his F-22 Raptor armament training. Marquez died Dec. 30, 2011, in Albuquerque, N.M.

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jacob Corbin

and as the director of maintenance engineering and supply, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems and Logistics.

In August 1983, he was promoted to lieutenant general and became the deputy chief of staff for logistics and engineering at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., where he remained until his retirement in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Stella, five children and three grandchildren.

### General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 13, 2012)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Casey D. Blake, deputy commander, Joint Theater Support Contracting Command, U.S. Central Command, Kabul, Afghanistan, to vice commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Dallas, Texas.

### General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 23, 2012)

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

- Army Brig. Gen. Karen E. Dyson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Dyson is currently serving as director, business operations, Office of Business Transformation, Office of The Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.
- Army Brig. Gen. Harold J. Greene has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Greene is currently serving as program executive officer, intelligence, electronic warfare, and sensors, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.
- Army Brig. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Lyons is currently serving as director for logistics operations, readiness, force integration and strategy (G-4/3/5/7), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.
- Army Brig. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Piggee is currently serving as commanding general, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.
- Army Brig. Gen. Michael H. Shields has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Shields is currently serving as deputy director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Arlington, Va.
- Army Brig. Gen. Leslie C. Smith has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Smith is currently serving as commanding general, 20th Support

Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

- Army Brig. Gen. John Uberti has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Uberti is currently serving as deputy commanding general/chief of staff, Installation Management Command, San Antonio, Texas.
- Army Brig. Gen. Bryan G. Watson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Watson is currently serving as director, Joint Engineering Directorate, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.
- Army Brig. Gen. Darrell K. Williams has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Williams is currently serving as commander, Defense Logistics Agency, Land and Maritime, Columbus, Ohio.

### General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 24, 2012)

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

- Maj. Gen. Kendall P. Cox, commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Trans-Atlantic, Winchester, Va., to deputy commanding general for military and international operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- Maj. Gen. John W. Nicholson Jr., to deputy director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Arlington, Va. He most recently served as deputy chief of staff, operations, International Security Assistance Force, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.
- Maj. Gen. Todd T. Semonite, commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, South Atlantic, Atlanta, Ga., to deputy chief of engineers/deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, who has been selected for the rank of major general, program executive officer, soldier, Fort Belvoir, Va., to commanding general, Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Col. Paul A. Ostrowski, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, assistant deputy for acquisition and systems management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Washington, D.C., to program executive officer, soldier, Fort Belvoir, Va.

### General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 25, 2012)

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

- Army Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Via, for appointment to the grade of general and for assignment as commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Via is currently serving as the deputy commanding general/

chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

- Army Maj. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and for assignment as deputy commanding general/chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. McQuiston is currently serving as commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island, Ill.

### Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 26, 2012)

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

- Navy Vice Adm. William R. Burke for reappointment to the rank of vice admiral and for assignment as deputy chief of naval operations for warfare systems, N9, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Burke is currently serving as deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics, N4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Rear Adm. Philip H. Cullom for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and for assignment as deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics, N4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Cullom is currently serving as director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, N45, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

### Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 27, 2012)

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. Elizabeth S. Niemyer will be assigned as deputy chief wounded, ill, and injured, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Bethesda, Md. Niemyer is currently serving as director of the nurse corps/deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics, M4, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Bethesda, Md.

### Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 27, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Navy Reserve Capt. Deborah P. Haven has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Haven is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve Logistics Support Unit, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

### General Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 30, 2012)

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

- Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Michael G. Dana has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Dana is currently serving as the commanding general, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- Marine Corps Brig. Gen. William M. Faulkner has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Faulkner is currently serving as the vice director, J-4, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

### Case Named DLA Vice Director

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

(FEB. 1, 2012)

The director of Defense Logistics Agency Information Operations has been named the next vice director of DLA. Ted Case, who has served in his current position since January 2010, was named to replace Mae DeVincentis, who will retire in March, in an e-mail from DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek to the agency's senior leaders Jan. 31.

"I'm delighted to announce that Ted Case will assume the role of DLA vice director when Mae retires in early March," Harnitchek wrote. "Ted has served superbly as the director, DLA Information Operations, for the last year and a half, and he is well prepared to take on this challenging assignment."

Case said he looks forward to serving in the new position, and that he has seen the value the agency has gotten from its vice directors in his 20 years with the DLA.

"I am both honored and humbled to serve Vice Admiral Harnitchek, the Defense Logistics Agency, our outstanding workforce, and our customers from this position," he said. "Over the years I have seen how a strong vice director can bring a unique perspective—one that includes DLA history and culture—to the leadership team and become a force-level multiplier for the director."

Case said he plans to help the director, his staff, and the agency's primary-level field activities achieve their goals and aspirations in the difficult times ahead.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving as the director of Information Operations and its talented and dedicated staff," he said. "I look forward to working closely with Vice Adm. Harnitchek, fellow senior leaders, and the staff as we take on the challenges of world-class logistics support of our customers in the months ahead."