

ASD(A) Established by NDAA

The recently enacted National Defense Authorization Act established the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition (ASD[A]) as the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics on acquisition-related matters. As a result of this action, the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology (DUSD [A&T]) has been eliminated. One of the more outwardly visible signs of this change was the renaming of the A&T Web site on Feb. 3, 2010, as the ASD(A) Web site. Until the Senate confirms the new ASD(A), Shay Assad will perform the duties of the ASD(A) while continuing his duties as the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy.

New SBIR and STTR Program Administrator Appointed

Christopher S. Rinaldi is the new Department of Defense Small Business Innovation (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program Administrator. Rinaldi previously held the position of U.S. Army SBIR Program Manager. His experience includes providing Army-wide leadership and representation for an annual program that invests in small business, high-technology solutions for critical Army needs. As the Army SBIR program manager, he managed a sizeable headquarters staff, a team of Technical Assistance Advocates (TAAs) in the field, and a unique Venture Capital (VC) agreement for the Army SBIR Commercialization Pilot Program. Rinaldi has received numerous honors and awards for his professional accomplishments, including the Secretary of Defense Team Excellence Award; the U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Award; and the U.S. Army Acquisition Streamlining Excellence Award. He has authored numerous publications in product development of weapon systems and holds multiple patents. Rinaldi, a licensed professional engineer, has a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Manhattan College and a master of science in engineering management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Flag Officer Assignment

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

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead announced today the following assignment: Capt. Katherine L. Gregory, who has been selected for promotion to Rear Adm. (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Gregory is currently serving as chief of staff, First Naval Construction Division/Naval Construction Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

General Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JAN. 29, 2010)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. John F. Thompson, program executive officer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and commander, 303rd Aeronautical Systems Wing, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to program executive officer, strategic systems, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Pawlikowski Assumes Command of Air Force Research Laboratory

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 18, 2010)

Mike Wallace

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Maj. Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski became the new commander of the Air Force Research Laboratory at a Feb. 12 change-of-command ceremony at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. She replaced Maj. Gen. Curtis Bedke, the AFRL commander for more than two years. Bedke also received the Legion of Merit upon his retirement after more than 30 years of Air Force service.

Nearly 500 people attended the ceremony in the museum's Modern Flight Gallery. The Air Force Band of Flight provided the music, the base color guard presented the flag, and Lisa Miller, a friend of the Bedke family, sang the national anthem.

Presiding over the ceremony was Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, commander of Air Force Materiel Command. Hoffman praised AFRL and its people stating they are "on the cutting edge of technology, not just for the Air Force, but for the nation and the world at large."

Pawlikowski said that she expected the "greatest challenge" in her new assignment would be the "full integration of air-space and cyberspace." She briefly described her five years as manager of the airborne laser program, and concluded that she expected a "smooth transition" into the position as AFRL commander.

Wallace is with the 88th Air Base Wing Skywrighter staff.

DDR&E Announces Appointment of DT&E Director

The Director, Defense Research and Engineering Zachary J. Lemnios has appointed Edward R. Greer to the position of Director, Developmental Test and Evaluation effective Feb. 22, 2010. Greer has over 30 years of testing experience. He is currently the deputy assistant commander for Test and Evaluation, Naval Air Systems Command.

Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 23, 2010)

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead announced today the following assignments: Rear Adm. (lower half) Thomas C. Traaen will be assigned as commander, Defense Distribution Center, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va. Traaen is currently serving as vice director for logistics, J4, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Flag Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 4, 2010)

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. (lower half) Jerry K. Burroughs will be assigned as program executive officer for command, control, communications and intelligence, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Burroughs is currently serving as chief Engineer Directorate, Code 05, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif.

Office Of The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology And Logistics

In a March 9, 2010, memorandum to the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, Service Acquisition Executives, and Directors, Defense Agencies, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Ashton Carter has announced the appointment of the Director, Systems Engineering to the position of Defense Standardization Executive. This action transfers the Defense Standardization Program Office to Systems Engineering.

Army Swears in New Acquisition Leader

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (MARCH 11, 2010)

Kris Osborn

The U.S. Army announced that Dr. Malcolm Ross O'Neill was sworn into office March 10, 2010, as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA [ALT]) by Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal in a private ceremony at the Pentagon.

O'Neill was nominated for the ASA(ALT) position by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 4, 2010. As the ASA(ALT), he will serve as the Army Senior Procurement Executive, Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Army, and Senior Research and Development Executive. He also has principal responsibility for all Department of Army matters related to logistics.

In his new role, O'Neill will provide oversight for the life cycle management and sustainment of Army weapons systems and equipment from research and development through test and evaluation, acquisition, logistics, and fielding.

The retired three-star Army general assumes the duties of the ASA(ALT) as a key next step in a decorated, high-profile career as an Army officer, defense industry executive, and Chairman of the Board on Army Science and Technology for the National Academies.

Prior to his appointment as the ASA(ALT), O'Neill served in a number of high ranking positions, including private consultant; the vice president and chief technical officer at Lockheed Martin Corporation; director of the Department of Defense Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; and as the director, Army Acquisition Corps.

O'Neill's extensive experience in acquisition and program management includes service as the commander, U.S. Army Laboratory Command; director of Kinetic Energy Weapons at the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization; and program manager of the Army's Multiple Launch Rocket System.

As commander of the U.S. Army Laboratory Command, O'Neill led 5,000 scientists and engineers in seven corporate laboratories as part of oversight for the \$1 billion annual budget of the DoD tech base.

O'Neill holds a master of science and a doctorate in Physics from Rice University as well as a bachelor of science in Physics from DePaul University.

Defense Logistics Agency Names New Intelligence Director

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS (MARCH 15, 2010)

Defense Logistics Agency Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson announced March 14 the selection of the agency's new director for intelligence.

Stephanie Samergedes is currently deputy director of intelligence at U.S. Army Materiel Command, where she provides guidance, establishes policy, evaluates compliance, and defends resources for all intelligence and security programs in support of acquisition, logistics, and operations.

Her previous assignments at AMC intelligence over the past 25 years include security division chief, security team leader, senior security specialist, and intelligence research specialist.

Samergedes holds a master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, a master's in Soviet area studies from Florida State University, and a bachelor's in International Relations from Florida State University.

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“Stephanie brings a wealth of experience to the DLA team, and I know she will be a great addition to our team. Please join me in welcoming her to DLA,” Thompson wrote in an e-mail message announcing the selection to agency senior officials.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 15, 2010)

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Norton A. Schwartz announced today the following assignments:

- Air Force Brig. Gen. Barbara J. Faulkenberry, commander, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, Air Mobility Command, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., to deputy director for logistics, U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Frederick H. Martin, deputy director for logistics, U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany, to commander, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, Air Mobility Command, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 15, 2010)

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

- Air Force Col. Arnold W. Bunch, Jr. has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Bunch is currently serving as the vice commander, Air Armament Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
- Air Force Col. Theresa C. Carter has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Carter is currently serving as the director, installations and mission support, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- Air Force Col. Scott W. Jansson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Jansson is currently serving as the vice commander, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.
- Air Force Col. Robert D. McMurry has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. McMurry is currently serving as the commander, airborne laser program, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
- Air Force Col. William J. Thornton has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Thornton is currently serving as the commander, 412th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 16, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Navy Vice Adm. David J. Venlet has been nominated for reappointment to the rank of vice admiral and assignment as director, Joint Strike Fighter program, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Arlington, Va. Venlet is currently serving as commander, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 19, 2010)

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

- Maj. Gen. David W. Eidsaune, director, Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to director, strategic plans, programs and analyses, and director, Develop and Sustain Warfighting Systems, Air Force Process Office, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Col. William J. Thornton, who has been selected for the rank brigadier general, commander, 412th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to director, Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Senior Executive Service Reassignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 23, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service reassignment: Edward R. Greer has been assigned as director, developmental test and evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C. Greer previously served as deputy assistant commander, test and evaluation/executive director, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Naval Air Systems Command, St. Mary's, Md.

Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 26, 2010)

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

- Navy Capt. David M. Duryea has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Duryea is currently serving as major program manager for SOF and Undersea Mobility, Program Executive Office for Submarines, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. Tilghman D. Payne has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Payne is currently serving as executive assistant to the assistant secretary of the Navy (installations and environment), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C.

- Navy Capt. Jeffrey R. Penfield has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Penfield is currently serving as major program manager for Air to Air Missile Systems, Program Executive Office for Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation, Patuxent River, Md.
- Navy Capt. James D. Syring has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Syring is currently serving as major program manager for DDG 1000 Destroyer Program, Program Executive Office for Ships, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. Gregory R. Thomas has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Thomas is currently serving as commanding officer, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- Navy Capt. Mathias W. Winter has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Winter is currently serving as deputy program executive officer for anti-submarine warfare, Program Executive Office for Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation, Patuxent River, Md.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 26, 2010)

The Chief of Staff, Army announced today the following assignments:

- Army Brig. Gen. Leslie C. Smith, commandant, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School/deputy commanding general, Material and Technology, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to commanding general, 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Yield Explosive), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.
- Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey J. Snow, commanding general, 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Yield Explosive), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., to director, Iraq Training and Advisory Team-Army, U.S. Forces-Iraq.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 26, 2010)

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

- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) William A. Brown has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Brown is currently serving as director, logistics and security assistance, J4, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.
- Navy Capt. David M. Boone has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half).

Boone is currently serving as commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.

- Navy Capt. Robert J. Gilbeau has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Gilbeau is deputy commander for aviation, Naval Inventory Control Point Philadelphia/Mechanicsburg, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Navy Capt. Glenn C. Robillard has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Robillard is currently serving as commanding officer, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, San Diego, Calif.

Gates to Recommend Vice Admiral to Head F-35 Program

American Forces Press Service (MARCH 24, 2010)

Lisa Daniel

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates will recommend that President Barack Obama nominate Navy Vice Adm. David J. Venlet, commander of Naval Air Systems Command, to oversee restructuring of the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter program, a Defense Department official told a congressional panel today.

Ashton B. Carter, under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, announced Gates' choice of Venlet as he described a five-point restructuring plan for the F-35 program to the House Armed Services Committee.

Gates announced last month that he would elevate the program's oversight to the three-star level to reflect the importance of the program to the future of military aviation.

The F-35 is the first aircraft to be developed to meet the needs of three Services—the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps—and U.S. allies with variants being developed simultaneously by prime contractor Lockheed Martin. The F-35 is to replace the current F-15s, F-16s, and F-18s, resulting in cost savings and economies of scale not possible with maintaining separate aircraft.

Carter underscored the need to get the joint strike fighter on track in light of delays and cost overruns.

"The joint strike fighter is our largest, most critically important program," he said. "It's important to the three Services and international partners to know if restructuring has placed us on a realistic and stable path."

The department initially ordered 2,443 of the jets, and eight foreign militaries purchased an additional 730, Carter said. But cost estimates have risen from \$50 million per aircraft

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when the program was introduced in 2001, to about \$95 million, he said.

Gates added \$450 million to improve the program, but a study by Carter's office that began in November and was completed in January showed that the production line at Lockheed Martin's Fort Worth, Texas, plant still was taking too long and delaying flight testing by at least two years.

"It became clear in November of last year that [the joint strike fighter] would breach Nunn-McCurdy," Carter said, referring to a 1982 law that calls for termination of weapons programs when costs grow by more than 25 percent above original estimates. "This indicated to the department that we needed to take a more forceful management stance," he said.

As part of the restructuring plan, the department will reduce delays in the development and test schedule from 30 to 13 months by purchasing additional aircraft to add to testing, borrowing three operational test aircraft, and adding another software integration line, Carter said.

Also, the department will withhold \$14 million from the contract "since it is not reasonable for the taxpayer to bear the full burden," he said.

Additionally, the department will reduce the concurrency of the development of the three variants, and will accept independent cost estimates as a basis for the program, Carter said.

"We believe this restructuring puts the [program] on a realistic path toward performance," he said.

Despite the delays and cost overruns, Carter said, "no fundamental technical problems have surfaced, nor have the capabilities of the aircraft changed."