

Army Brigadier General Dies in Afghanistan

FORT HOOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (FEB. 5, 2012)

FORT HOOD, Texas—Army Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner died of apparent natural causes Feb. 3 in Kabul, Afghanistan, officials here announced today.

Hildner, 49, listed his home of record as Fairfax, Va. He was born in New Haven, Conn. He took command of 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Aug. 19, 2010.

“We are truly saddened by the loss of Brigadier General Hildner,” said Army Lt. Gen. Don Campbell Jr., III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general. “This is a tragic loss for the Army, III Corps, and for our Central Texas community.”

A 1984 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Hildner began his career as an armor officer with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was reassigned in 1988 to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in the Federal Republic of Germany. He served as the regimental training officer and subsequently commanded a ground cavalry troop.

During his company command, Hildner’s troop deployed with the regiment as part of the U.S. VII Corps’ attack into Kuwait and Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, as well as conducting the last U.S. patrol along the East-West German border before its reunification.

Returning to Fort Hood from Germany, the general served in several assignments, including 2nd Armored Division comptroller and aide-de-camp to the 4th Infantry Division’s commanding general.

Hildner transited to the Quartermaster Corps and attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1997. He later served in a variety of staff positions, including battalion executive officer of the 296th Forward Support Battalion; Supply and Services chief for I Corps Logistics at Fort Lewis, Wash.; and logistician for Joint Task Force 6, a Department of Defense counterdrug task force.

In 2003, Hildner assumed command of the 13th Corps Support Command’s Special Troops Battalion at Fort Hood. During nearly three years in command, the battalion conducted two operational deployments. The first came in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a combat sustainment support battalion, providing general logistical support to units located around Joint Base Balad, as well as the Abu Ghraib prison complex.



Army Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, who commanded the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in Afghanistan, died of apparent natural causes Feb. 3 in Kabul.

International Security Assistance Force photo

The battalion’s second deployment came in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, as Logistical Task Force Lone Star, providing both military and humanitarian support operations.

From July 2007 to July 2009, Hildner commanded the 23rd Quartermaster Brigade at Fort Lee, Va., training more than 20,000 soldiers annually for deployment in support of contingency operations across the globe.

In 2009, he was the Combined Arms Support Command’s director of training and doctrine.

Hildner departed Fort Hood in December 2011 for Afghanistan to support the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan.

“The unfortunate and untimely death of Brigadier General Hildner was a shock to our unit and families,” said Army Col. Knowles Atchison, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command rear commander. “Both forward-deployed elements and we at home station are deeply saddened by this loss.”

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 7, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service reassignment: John J. “Jack” Evans has been assigned as deputy director, naval warfare, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C. Evans previously served as executive director,

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program executive officer submarines, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

Air Force Announces First Female Four-Star General Nominee

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS (FEB. 7, 2012)

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—President Barack Obama nominated Air Force Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger for promotion Feb. 6, which, pending Senate approval, would make her the first female four-star general in Air Force history.

Wolfenbarger currently serves as the military deputy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, and she is one of four female lieutenant generals in the Air Force.

“I am humbled and honored to have been nominated by the President to the rank of general and to serve as commander of Air Force Materiel Command. I look forward to participating in the Senate confirmation process when the time comes. At present, I remain focused on the important Air Force acquisition work I’ve been charged with,” Wolfenbarger said.

A Beavercreek, Ohio, native, Wolfenbarger was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1980 after graduating in the first class with female cadets at the Air Force Academy.

She also holds a graduate degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

The general has held several positions in the F-22 System Program Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; served as the F-22 lead program element monitor at the Pentagon; and was the B-2 system program director for the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB.

She commanded ASC’s C-17 Systems Group, Mobility Systems Wing and was the Service’s director of the Air Force Acquisition Center of Excellence at the Pentagon, then served as director of the headquarters AFMC Intelligence and Requirements Directorate, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Prior to her current assignment, Wolfenbarger was the vice commander of AFMC, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Wolfenbarger received her third star in December 2009 and became the Air Force’s highest ranking woman in January 2010.



Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, USAF

Air Force Graphic by Corey Parrish

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 9, 2012)

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

- Navy Reserve Capt. Lawrence B. Jackson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Jackson is currently serving as commander, Military Sealift Fleet Support Command, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Reserve Capt. Eric C. Young has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Young is currently serving as deputy director for training transformation, and technology, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 9, 2012)

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

- Maj. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, director, logistics operations, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va., to commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Maj. Gen. Michael J. Lally III, director, operations and plans, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to assistant deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.
- Maj. Gen. Kurt J. Stein, commanding general, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, Warren, Mich., to commanding general, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

- Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, to commanding general, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, Warren, Mich.
- Maj. Gen. Larry D. Wyche, deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and the Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort Lee, Va.
- Brig. Gen. Gustave F. Perna, who has been selected for the rank of major general, commanding general, joint munitions lethality, Life Cycle Management Command/Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island, Ill., to deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Brig. Gen. Edward F. Dorman III, military assistant to the commander, International Security Assistance Force, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, to director for logistics operations, readiness, force integration and strategy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.
- Brig. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, director for logistics operations, readiness, force integration and strategy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C., to commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.
- Brig. Gen. Kevin G. O'Connell, director for logistics, engineering and security assistance, J-4, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii, to commanding general, joint munitions lethality, Life Cycle Management Command/Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island, Ill.
- Brig. Gen. John F. Wharton, deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island, Ill.
- Brig. Gen. Darrell K. Williams, commander, Defense Logistics Agency, Land and Maritime, Columbus, Ohio, to deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- Col. Duane A. Gamble, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, director for strategy and integration, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C., to deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island, Ill.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 9, 2012)

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

- Air Force Brig. Gen. Howard B. Baker has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Baker is currently serving as the commander, Air Force Global Logis-

tics Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

- Air Force Brig. Gen. Dwyer L. Dennis has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Dennis is currently serving as the director, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and requirements, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Garrett Harencak has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Harencak is currently serving as the commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Craig S. Olson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Olson is currently serving as the program executive officer for business and enterprise systems/director of the enterprise information systems directorate, Air Force Materiel Command, Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex, Ala.

Air Force First Female Maintenance Officer Leads Way as First African-American Female General

AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE (FEB. 13, 2012)

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md.—Born about the time the Tuskegee Airmen were earning their reputation over the skies of North Africa and Italy, Marcelite Harris would go on to break a number of racial and gender barriers during an illustrious Air Force career.

Harris was born Jan. 16, 1943, in Houston and attended Spelman College in Atlanta, where she earned a bachelor's degree in speech and drama in 1964. She then attended Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where she was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1965.

During the early days of her career, Harris held assignments as an administrative officer in California and West Germany, before transitioning into the maintenance field by attending the aircraft maintenance officer's course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., and graduating as the first female aircraft maintenance officer.

Her first assignment as a maintenance officer was to support the Vietnam War as a maintenance supervisor with the 49th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Korat Royal Thai air base, Thailand. After stints back in California and Washington, D.C., Harris broke another barrier as one of the first women to be an air officer commanding the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

After commanding an avionics maintenance squadron and a field maintenance squadron, both in Kansas, and a direc-

tor of maintenance in Okinawa, Japan, Harris would make another first— this time as the first woman deputy commander for maintenance.

But her biggest accomplishment lay ahead, when in 1991, Harris became the first female African-American general, when she pinned on her first star as the vice commander of the Oklahoma Center Air Logistics Center.

Harris retired from the Air Force in early 1997, where she had been serving as the director of maintenance, deputy chief of staff for logistics, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force. At that time, she was the highest ranking female officer in the Air Force and the highest ranking African-American female within the Department of Defense.

Harris continues to contribute to the Air Force even after her retirement. In 2010, President Barack Obama appointed her a member of the Board of Visitors for the United States Air Force Academy. As a board member, she inquires into the morale, discipline, curriculum, and other matters deemed appropriate. The board submits reports to the secretary of defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and Congress via the Secretary of the Air Force.

As she continues to serve the Air Force, she serves her community. She is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. For her works, in 2010 she was nationally recognized by the Black Girls Rock Foundation with the Trailblazer Award.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 14, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service reassignment: David Bennett has been assigned as vice component acquisition executive, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Meade, Md. Bennett previously served as program executive officer for GIG enterprise services, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Meade, Md.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 29, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President has made the following nomination: Air Force Lt. Gen. Clyde D. Moore II, has been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment



Air Force Graphic by Sylvia Saab

as commander, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Moore is currently serving as vice commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (March 2, 2012)

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. Michael T. Franken will be assigned as director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, N45, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Franken is currently serving as commander, Combined Joint Task Force–Horn of Africa, Djibouti, Africa.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (March 2, 2012)

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

- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Katherine L. Gregory has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Gregory is currently serving as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Kevin R. Slates has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Slates is currently serving as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.
- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Jonathan A. Yuen has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral.

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Yuen is currently serving as commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers, San Diego, Calif.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (March 9, 2012)

The chief of staff, Army announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Laura J. Richardson, commanding general, U.S. Army Operational Test Command, Fort Hood, Texas, to deputy commanding general, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Air Force Announces AFMC Senior Leader Changes

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MARCH 9, 2012)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Air Force officials announced March 9, 2012, the President's nomination of two Air Force Materiel Command senior leaders for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general with new assignments.

Pending Senate confirmation, Lt. Gen. Charles R. Davis, commander of the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., will become the military deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition at the Pentagon, in Washington, D.C.

Also pending Senate confirmation is the President's nomination of 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 as-

signment to lead the new Air Force Sustainment Center at Tinker AFB.

The Air Force has not yet announced a replacement for Davis.

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.



Lt. Gen. Charles R. Davis, USAF, & Maj. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield, USAF

Air Force photos

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, Utah. Like the current acquisition centers, 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.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (March 9, 2012)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced today that the President has nominated Maj. Gen. David D. Halverson for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as deputy commanding general/chief of staff, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. Halverson is currently serving as commanding general, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Fort Sill, Okla.

Flag Officer Announcements

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (March 13, 2012)

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

- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Richard D. Berkey has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Berkey is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for Fleet Maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Joseph W. Rixey has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Rixey is currently serving as director, Navy International Programs Office, Office of the Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) James J. Shannon has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral.

Shannon is currently serving as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center/deputy commander for surface warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (March 16, 2012)

The chief of staff, Army announced today the following assignment: Col. Steven A. Shapiro, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, to director, Materiel Enterprise Integration and Retrograde Operations Center, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (March 20, 2012)

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

- Jennifer Carter has been assigned as component acquisition executive, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Meade, Md. Carter previously served as Navy enterprise resource planning program manager, Department of Navy, Annapolis, Md.
- Alan Lewis has been assigned as program executive officer, enterprise services, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Meade, Md. Lewis previously served as vice director, computing services, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Meade, Md.

President Nominates Gen. Busch as New AFMC Vice Commander

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MARCH 20, 2012)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Air Force officials announced March 20, 2012, the President's nomination of Maj. Gen. Andrew E. Busch for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general with a new assignment.

Pending Senate confirmation, Busch, commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, will become the vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command.

Prior to his assignment as the Ogden ALC commander in July 2009, Busch 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 mainte-

nance 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.

Flag Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 21, 2012)

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Johnathan Greenert announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. William A. Brown will be assigned as director, strategic, policy, programs, and logistics, J4/5, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Brown is currently serving as director, logistics and security assistance, J4, U.S. European Command, Vaihingen, Germany.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 21, 2012)

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

- Navy Capt. Douglas G. Morton has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Morton is currently serving as chief of staff to the commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C.
- Navy Capt. David R. Pimpo has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Pimpo is currently serving as deputy commander for fleet logistics operations, Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
- Navy Capt. Donald L. Singleton has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Singleton is currently serving as chief of staff, Naval Supply Systems Command, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 23, 2012)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck, commander, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Air Combat Command, Southwest Asia, to commander, Defense Logistics Agency–Distribution, New Cumberland, Pa.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MARCH 27, 2012)

The chief of staff, Army announced today the following assignment: Maj. Gen. Michael R. Eyre, U.S. Army Reserve, deputy chief of engineers for Reserve component, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C., to commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Trans-Atlantic, Winchester, Va.

DoD Announces Dowd as New Director of DLA Logistics Operations

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS (MARCH 28, 2012)

Army Maj. Gen. Kenneth S. Dowd will be the next director of Defense Logistics Agency Logistics Operations, Defense Department officials announced March 27.

Dowd currently serves as commander of 1st Theater Sustainment Command at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He will assume his new position in August.

“Ken has tackled some of our military’s toughest issues during numerous high-level command and staff positions throughout his career,” DLA Director Navy Adm. Mark Harnitchek write in an e-mail to senior DLA leaders. “His tours of duty include Germany, Bosnia, and United States Central Command where he directed all logistics and engineering planning and operations in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

“This assignment as director, DLA J3 is a testament to his leadership and long history of superb logistical support,” Harnitchek continued. “He brings a wealth of experience to this new and challenging assignment, and I am confident he will enhance our worldwide operational support to Warfighters.”



Army Maj. Gen. Kenneth S. Dowd will be the next director of Defense Logistics Agency Logistics Operations.

U.S. Army photo

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Dowd was commissioned in 1979 through the ROTC program at Cumberland College, Ky. His military education includes the Quartermaster Basic and Advanced courses, the Logistics Executive Development Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He also holds a master's degree in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Dowd has served in many command and staff positions throughout his career, including several overseas tours, deployments to Bosnia and Iraq, deputy chief of staff for logistics for the Department of the Army, and director of logistics, engineering, and security assistance for U.S. Pacific Command. His most recent assignment before taking command in Kuwait was as director of logistics for U.S. Central Command, where he directed all logistics and engineering planning and operations in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

As the commander of DLA Logistics Operations, Dowd will be responsible for end-to-end supply chain management of the agency's eight supply chains, providing logistics and material process management policy, guidance, and oversight and monitoring supply chain performance.

He will replace Army Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar, who will depart in June to become commander of the Army's Aviation and Missile Command, in Huntsville, Ala.

New Director Named for DLA Installation Support

Sara Moore

David Rodriguez has been named as the new director of Defense Logistics Agency Installation Support.

Rodriguez previously served as the deputy chief of the Joint Logistics Operations Center, where he supported the center's mission to integrate DLA's adaptive planning process, execute support of Defense Department operations and exercises worldwide, manage DLA's readiness reporting, and perform command and control functions during contingency operations.

As director of DLA Installation Support, Rodriguez heads an organization that provides enterprisewide policy, program and worldwide operational support in environmental management; safety and occupational health; property, plant, and equipment; installations management; security and emergency services; morale, welfare, and recreation; and graphics. He is also responsible for directing administration of corporate policy for centralized management and support services of the agency.



David Rodriguez has been named as the new director of Defense Logistics Agency Installation Support.

Defense Logistics Agency photo

"Dave has a long and distinguished career with DLA, including successful tours as commander of two distribution depots," DLA Chief of Staff Fred Baillie wrote in an e-mail announcing Rodriguez's selection. "I know we will all support Dave as he transitions to this new assignment as leader of a key DLA organization."

Rodriguez, who officially became director March 27, said he is looking forward to getting into his new role and visiting with employees and leaders to establish goals and direction for the future.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to lead DLA Installation Support, and I really look forward to working with the directors, commanders, and staff at the field activities to support all their efforts as they work hard to support the warfighters," he said.

A native of Brooklyn, Rodriguez holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Puerto Rico, a master of business administration from Tarleton State University, and a master of science in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University. Rodriguez retired from the Army in 2010, after a 27-year career.

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During his Army career, Rodriguez served as a logistics officer performing a wide variety of roles, including general supply management and distribution, subsistence management, and conducting operational tests on combat service support systems and equipment.

Rodriguez has served with DLA in multiple leadership positions since July 1992. His first tour with DLA was as deputy chief of the Subsistence Division and chief of the Warehousing and Packaging Division at DLA Distribution Susquehanna, Pa. He then served with DLA in Germany, as commander of the Kaiserslautern Cold Storage Distribution Center and support operations officer for DLA Distribution Europe. While in Germany, he also served as chief of the Logistics Operation Division of the Warrior Preparation Center, a simulation center in support of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Army Europe. In July 1999, he was assigned as chief of the CSS Test Division at U.S. Army Operational Test Command, Fort Hood, Texas.

Rodriguez departed Texas in 2001 to assume command of DLA Distribution in Tobyhanna, Pa., until the summer of 2003. After command, he served on the Army Force Development Directorate as the force manager for quartermaster programs. He left the Army Staff to attend the ICAF with a follow-on joint assignment with DLA Headquarters. While assigned to DLA Headquarters, he served as the interim commander of DLA Disposition Services, in Battle Creek, Mich., and chief of the Disposition Management and Regulated Programs Division. He then relocated to California, where he served as commander of DLA Distribution San Joaquin, Calif.