

DSMC Commandant Retires, Relinquishes Command

DSMC Poised to Welcome New Commandant

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The Defense Systems Management College said farewell to its 15th Commandant Oct. 2, with the retirement of Air Force Brig. Gen. Frank J. Anderson Jr.

Anderson, who came to the college July 30, 1999, relinquished his command by formally passing the DSMC colors to Stan Z. Soloway, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Reform at a ceremony in Howell Auditorium, Fort Belvoir, Va. Following the relinquishment of command, Anderson and his wife, Bonnie, were honored with a retirement ceremony, marking the culmination of Anderson's 34-year military career.

Making a Difference

Reflecting on the challenges Anderson confronted and met, and the many accomplishments he achieved during his 15 months of leadership at DSMC, Soloway emphasized Anderson's leadership qualities.

"Today we are here to recognize and salute the career of General Anderson ... a high-quality, committed, focused talent of the type that all the Services are always looking for. He has established

himself as one of the Air Force's brightest, most creative, and most knowledgeable professors."

Soloway said that in every stage of his career, "Frank" had demonstrated a

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commitment to excellence and to making a real difference. Anderson, he said, brought to DSMC the same degree of commitment and enthusiasm, "for pursuing the art of the possible," which he had demonstrated throughout his entire career.

Recognizing Anderson's wife, Bonnie, Soloway noted that throughout his career, Anderson had been blessed with a dedicated, supportive

Air Force Maj. Rebecca Weirick speaks on behalf of Anderson's former Executive Officers. From left: Weirick; Air Force Maj. John Tenaglia; Ike Eichenbrenner; and Air Force Lt. Col. Brad Oswalt.



Navy AWCM Scott Russell, DAU Senior Enlisted Advisor (right) presents Anderson a shadow box containing the insignia he wore throughout his career and a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol.

Gasiorek is a full-time contract editor for Program Manager magazine. A native of Poland, she holds an M.B.A. from Strayer University, where she graduated Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Anderson (right) receives congratulations from Stan Soloway, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Reform) as he is awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal.



partner and spouse, “who sometimes had to remind Frank who is really in charge.”

As Anderson retired from the Air Force after outstanding duty to his nation, Soloway expressed thanks and warmest wishes for an equally successful and rewarding second career. “Well done, general,” he concluded.

Man in the Arena

Soloway’s remarks were followed by award presentations and parting words from Anderson’s staff, former teammates, friends, and others he encountered during his 34-year military career.

Presenting Anderson the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Soloway cited his extraordinary leadership, which resulted in “dramatic improvements in the acquisition process and in the education of the entire acquisition workforce.”

During Anderson’s period as DSMC Commandant, Soloway said that he demonstrated exceptional capabilities in meeting the rapidly changing needs of the acquisition community. Soloway challenged the Defense Acquisition University to continue Anderson’s legacy and capitalize its capabilities to reduce acquisition education and training costs.

Richard Graham, Dean of DAU’s Norfolk campus, presented Anderson a plaque on behalf of the DAU Norfolk campus. “No one achieves a great success by taking a simple road,” he said. Graham also said



Grandson Josh reviews and approves the printed program for “Grandpa’s” retirement.



DSMC Dean of Faculty Tim Shannon (right) presents Anderson a framed, matted photo of the DSMC Headquarters.



Distinguished visitors, from left: Donna Richbourg, Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Reform); Ric Sylvester, Acting President, DAU; retired Navy Rear Adm. Leonard Vincent, former DSMC Commandant; Rich Reed, DAU Provost.



Wife Bonnie receives flowers from Anderson.

DSMC COMMANDANT RETIRE

“IT’S BEEN
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Air Force Brig. Gen. Frank J. Anderson Jr., DSMC Commandant, receives a parting gift from several of his former executive officers: From left: Air Force Lt. Col. Brad Oswald; Ike Eichenbrenner; Anderson; Air Force Maj. John Tenaglia; Air Force Maj. Rebecca Weirick.



Dr. John Matherne, Dean of DAU's Fort Lee, Va., campus (right) presents Anderson a photo album of a recent visit Anderson made to the Fort Lee campus.



Richard Graham, Dean of DAU's Norfolk, Va., campus (right) presents Anderson a plaque on behalf of the DAU Norfolk campus.



Anderson's wife and headquarters staff assist with the cake cutting. From left: Paulette Langlas; Janice Baker; Army Sgt. 1st Class Rickie Sampson; Anderson; wife Bonnie; Karen Teeple.



DAU Provost Rich Reed welcomes distinguished visitors prior to Anderson's retirement ceremony. From left: Stan Soloway, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acqui-

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Enlisted Contracting Professionals present Anderson an "Honorary Chief Induction Certificate," certifying him as an honorary Air Force Chief Master Sergeant. From left: Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Terry Durrett; Anderson; Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Robert Boone; Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Ronald "Sky" King.



Dr. Richard Murphy, Dean of DAU's Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, campus, presents Anderson a lithograph of the Wright Brothers' successful machine-powered flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C.



Anderson (right) greets Blaise Durante, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Management Policy and Program Integration.



Anderson (right) greets Leonard Vincent, former DSMC Commandant. (Left: Leonard Vincent, former DSMC Commandant; Reed; Peter DeMayo, DSMC Board of Visitors; retired Navy Rear Adm. Leonard Vincent, former DSMC Commandant.)



The Anderson Family. From left: Daughter Trina; Anderson; wife Bonnie; granddaughter Aubrey; grandson Josh; son Jimmy.

that the joy of achievement comes from doing and not being, and that Anderson had continually reinforced that “our business is our future.”

“May our future and yours be equally successful,” he said.

Air Force Maj. Rebecca Weirick, Anderson’s immediate former executive officer, quoted President Theodore Roosevelt — a quote often used by Anderson during his military career. “It’s not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles ... the credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena.”

Today, the credit belongs to Anderson, she added, “for the leadership you taught us and for making a difference every day.”

It’s Been a Great Ride

Speaking to the crowd of friends, faculty, co-workers, staffers, and other well wishers for the last time in his position as DSMC Commandant, Anderson said, “We have a unique and special mission. We have an opportunity to really make a difference.” Praising his DSMC and

DAU “teammates,” he emphasized that “We have absolutely fantastic people in our acquisition community; we have a great team who will do whatever we ask them to do.”

Reflecting on his military career, Anderson returned to the theme of making a difference. “It’s never been about being in charge or about the rank — it’s been about making a difference, and I have really worked to try to make a difference.”

“Leading is not being in charge — leading is about serving,” he continued. And commenting on his tenure at DSMC, he said that he had been privileged to have an absolutely fantastic job.

“I love the Air Force, and I love the things I’ve done,” he said.

Anderson expressed his gratitude to his family, friends, and associates throughout the professional acquisition workforce as well as to all attending the ceremony. “I’m in debt to all of you who made our lives so enriched. *It’s been a great ride.*”

INCREASE IN THE TRUTH IN NEGOTIATIONS ACT (TINA) THRESHOLD

The Federal Acquisition Regulation has been changed to increase the threshold for obtaining cost or pricing data from prospective contractors. The threshold, commonly referred to as the Truth in Negotiations Act or “TINA” threshold, was increased from \$500,000 to \$550,000 effective Oct. 11, 2000. According to Deidre A. Lee, Director of Defense Procurement, “Inflation has increased the number of contracts that are subject to the TINA requirements. This 10 percent increase in the threshold restores the intended level of TINA coverage as required by statute.”

Cost or pricing data generally must be provided for contracts over the threshold by prospective contractors selling noncommercial items to the government on a sole-source basis. The prospective contractor must certify that the cost or pricing data are current, complete, and accurate, and the government uses the data to help determine a fair and reasonable price. Cost or pricing data include historical accounting data and factors such as vendor quotations. Obtaining cost or pricing data is the least preferred method of determining a fair and reasonable price since it imposes significant burdens on prospective contractors. The U.S. code requires an adjustment to the threshold for inflation every five years.

A copy of the FAR revision can be found on the General Services Administration Web site at <http://www.arnet.gov/far/>.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

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Today’s *Federal Register* contains a proposed change to the *Federal Acquisition Regulation* (FAR) that supports the Administration’s policy of giving electronic records and documents the same weight as their paper-based counterparts. The proposed change to the already electronic-friendly FAR will place electronic signatures on a par with hand-scribed signatures. According to Deidre A. Lee, Director of Defense Procurement, this change “supports the movement of federal business transactions from paper-based to online electronic-based processes, supporting our vision of 21st century American business.”

Government contracting officers already may conduct the government’s business online. The recently enacted “Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act” al-

lows American consumers to choose to use electronic transactions when it makes good business sense to do so. Lee’s proposed change to the FAR emphasizes the ability of government contracting officials to conduct government business using the method that makes the most sense. The proposed change clearly allows electronic signatures to be used in government contracting and clearly places electronic transactions on a par with paper-based transactions. The proposed change does not limit electronic signatures to any particular technology, allowing agencies to choose the signature format that best meets their needs and security concerns.

A copy of the proposed FAR change can be found online at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a001101c.html.