



New Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Sworn In

Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr. was sworn in today as the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. Prior to this position, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the Aerospace Corp., a nonprofit organization dedicated to solving critical national problems through science and technology.

Previous positions include Secretary of the Air Force, from 1986 to 1988, and President of McDonnell Douglas Electronic Systems, a position he held from 1988 to 1992. He has received awards from numerous societies, including Rotary National Award for Space Achievement in 1994. He is affiliated with numerous associations and societies, including the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, where he served as the President from 1997 to 1998.

In the 1980s, Aldridge was at one time an astronaut-in-training in preparation for his participation as a payload specialist on the first planned mission from

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., which was canceled because of the Challenger accident.

Aldridge was born in Houston, Texas, in 1938 and spent his youth in Shreveport, La. He earned his bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1960 and a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Georgia Tech in 1962.

In his role as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Aldridge will be the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense for all matters relating to the acquisition of weapons and material, including research and development, testing and evaluation, production, logistics, military construction, and procurement.

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Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld (left) and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr., listen to remarks at Aldridge's swearing-in ceremony held in the Pentagon on May 11. Aldridge's nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate May 8, 2001.

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