

Army Brig. Gen. Harrington Joins Defense Contract Management Agency as Director

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U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Edward M. Harrington today [Feb. 9, 2001] became the new Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) director, succeeding Air Force Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Malishenko, who is retiring after 31 years of commissioned service.

The transfer took place during a change of command ceremony in the Andrew T. McNamara Building auditorium on Fort Belvoir, Va. David R. Oliver, [Acting] Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) and Gen. Lester L. Lyles, commander, Air Force Materiel Command presided.

“My intent is to continue the legacy of customer focus and delivery of excellence to our warfighters,” said Harrington in remarks during the ceremony. “Ultimately, the spares, components, assemblies, and major weapons systems we approve and accept this morning may have to be in the hands of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines to go off to war this afternoon. Our mission is critical.”

As DCMA director, Harrington will be the senior contract manager responsible for ensuring that all DoD acquisition programs, supplies, and services are delivered on time, within cost, and [meet] performance standards. This involves management of 325,000 prime contracts presently valued at \$852 billion.

DCMA became an independent combat support Defense agency last year, reporting directly to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and

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Logistics). The agency is organized into three districts – East, West, and International. The districts oversee 67 offices responsible for contract management performed by 12,800 civilian and military professionals at more than 900 operating locations worldwide. DCMA was formerly a command within the Defense Logistics Agency.

In prior tours with then Defense Contract Management Command, Harrington commanded DCMC Syracuse, N.Y., from July 1994 to January 1997. From May 1998 to September 1999, he was the commander of the Defense Contract Management District East, Boston, Mass.

Since his commissioning as a Quartermaster officer in 1971, Harrington has served in numerous command and staff positions of ever increasing responsibility. Prior to this assignment, he served from 1999 to 2001 as the Deputy for Systems Acquisition (DSA) at the Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Warren, Mich. He has served two tours on the Army staff; first, as a procurement action officer, and later as chief of staff and executive officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development, and Acquisition. Born in Marshfield, Mass., Harrington entered the Army as a draftee and served as an enlisted infantryman prior to his selection for Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. In the early years of his commissioned career, he served two tours in Vietnam and various assignments with the XVIII Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Harrington holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Northeastern University and a master’s



David R. Oliver, (third from left) Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) congratulates Air Force Maj. Gen. Timothy Malishenko (right) who retires from 31 years of active duty during the DCMA change of command. From left Air Force Maj. Jennifer Thorpe; Army Brig. Gen. Edward Harrington, DCMA Director; Oliver; and Malishenko.

degree in contracting and acquisition management from the Florida Institute of Technology. In 1992, he was selected to attend the Senior Service College Fellowship Program at the University of Texas, Austin. He is Joint Service-certified and a member of the Army's Acquisition Corps. Harrington is also certified at level III in both program management and contracting.

His decorations and awards include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Parachutist Badge Medal.

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NASA GOES ONLINE WITH NEW JOURNAL

NASA's Academy of Program and Project Leadership (APPL) has achieved a new milestone. As part of its Knowledge Sharing Initiative, APPL has released a new online journal, *ASK* magazine, at:

http://appl.nasa.gov/knowledge/ask_home.htm

The new journal features first-person stories, interviews, and best practices by NASA managers, project and program officers, and Agency leaders. The magazine was launched in January and will be published bi-monthly.

ENHANCING THE RULEMAKING PROCESS VIA THE WORLD WIDE WEB

The Defense Acquisition Regulations (DAR) Directorate in the Office of the Secretary of Defense has implemented new procedures to improve the rulemaking process. The new procedures make it easier for the public to submit and view comments on proposed revisions to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS).

Interested parties are no longer restricted to paper copies, faxes, or e-mails when submitting comments on proposed revisions to the DFARS. The public may now submit comments directly on the World Wide Web by typing the comments in a text box or by attaching documents at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. The World Wide Web is now the preferred method of submitting comments.

Another new feature enables the public to view comments on proposed DFARS revisions on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>. The DAR Directorate will post comments to the World Wide Web the day after a comment period closes. Previously, anyone interested in reading the comments submitted by others had to request paper copies of the comments from the DAR Directorate.

Deidre A. Lee, the Director of Defense Procurement, stated that "these improvements will enhance public participation in the rulemaking process by providing a simpler method for submission of comments and for viewing of comments submitted by others." For additional information, contact Kathleen Fenk, DAR Directorate Automation Program Manager, at (703) 602-0296.