



**W**illiam "Bill" Erie became the Executive Director, Curricula Development and Support Center, Defense Acquisition University (DAU), effective Nov. 20, 2001. Erie first joined the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC) Sept. 1, 1990, as a Professor of Business Management. He went on to assume positions of greater responsibility, and was eventually appointed DAU Director of Consulting in December 2000. Erie has worked in the ac-

quisition and contracting field for over 30 years as a Chief of Pricing and Financial Services for the Air Force Systems Command; Director of Contracting in the Joint Cruise Missile Program; and Chief of Business Management at the Plant Representatives Office of Lockheed-Georgia Company.



**R**etired Navy Capt. Dave Fitch became the Deputy Dean, School of Program Managers, DSMC, effective Nov. 20, 2001. Fitch previously served as Executive Director, Curricula Development and Support Center, DAU—a position to which he was appointed on April 9, 2001. Prior to his retirement from military service on Oct. 1, 1998, Fitch served as Program Manager of the Multifunctional Information Distribution System (MIDS), a Packard Award-

winning program. Fitch first joined DAU after three years in private industry with Rockwell-Collins in Rosslyn, Va.



**A**rmy Col. Joseph Johnson retired from military service effective Feb. 1, 2002. Johnson served as Dean of College Administration and Services, DSMC, and more recently as Director, Administration and Services, DAU, since April 27, 1998. He came to the University from his former position as Commander, Defense Contract Management Command, Baltimore-Manassas. A graduate of Washington and Lee University, Johnson holds an M.S. in

Contract and Acquisition Management from Florida Institute of Technology. In addition to the U.S. Army War College, he is a 1993 graduate of DSMC's Program Management Course.



**R**ussell W. Lenz became the Army Chair, DAU Executive Institute, in November 2001. Previously, he was the Senior Executive Service Director, Joint Program Office for Test and Evaluation—JPO(T&E). Lenz served in a variety of roles while assigned to the Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC), Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., from 1974 to 1999: Technical Director, 412<sup>th</sup> Test Wing Technical Directorate,

Chief of the Systems Integration Division, Chief of the Acquisition and Development Division, and Chief of the Structures and Flutter Branch. In 1992, he was on the staff of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director, Test and Evaluation, Test Facilities and Resources. Earlier in his career, Lenz worked for Martin-Marietta Aerospace Corporation as a structures and dynamics staff engineer. As an Air Force officer in the Strategic Air Command, he was a Space Systems Operations Director at Fairchild AFB, Wash. Lenz holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He also holds a master's in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

**A**ir Force Col. William P. McNally, a former Professor of Contract Management at DSMC from 1993 to 1996, joined DAU for the second time as the Air Force Element Commander and Deputy Provost in July 2000. While maintaining his position as Air Force Element Commander, McNally was selected to be the DAU Director of Operations in December 2001. Previously, he served as Military Deputy to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Reform) and the Director, Defense Reform. Commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1977, McNally has 24 years' experience in the acquisition and contracting communities. His past assignments include serving as a Contract Negotiator; Industrial Specialist; Contracting Officer; Director of Contracts; Commander, Defense Plant Representative Office; and Contracting Policy Branch Chief within the Air Force Secretariat. A graduate of the U.S. Air War College, he holds an undergraduate degree from Manhattan College and an M.B.A. from Golden Gate University. He is a graduate of the DSMC Program Management Course, is Level III-certified in the field of Contract Management, and is a certified Joint Specialty Officer.



**N**avy Capt. Conway Halsall retires from the military service effective March 1, 2002, after 27 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy. Halsall came to DSMC July 1, 2000, as the Director, School of Program Management, and Manager of the College's premier Advanced Program Management Course. In April 2001, he became the Deputy Dean of DAU's Capital and Northeast Region. Prior to joining DAU-DSMC, Halsall was assigned to Naval Sea Systems Command where he was the Director of Aircraft Carrier Refueling Complex Overhauls. He is a 1974 graduate of Louisiana State University with a degree in Applied Mathematics. He also holds a master's degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Virginia, and he has a proven specialty in education and training management.

