



Claude M. Bolton Jr.

Sworn-in as New Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology

Claude M. Bolton Jr. was sworn-in Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA[ALT]) in a ceremony at the Pentagon hosted by Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White.

Bolton, a native of Nebraska, is the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Army for all acquisition, logistics, and technology functions of the Army. In this position, he serves as the Army Acquisition Executive, the Senior Procurement Executive, and the Science Advisor to the Army. Also, he serves as the senior research and development official for the Department of the Army. Among his responsibilities as ASA(ALT) are: appointing, managing, and evaluating Program Executive Officers and Program Managers; managing the Army Acquisition Corps; and overseeing research, development, test, evaluation, and acquisition programs.

Bolton brings a warfighter's perspective to his job. A veteran of more than 30 years of active military service, he recently retired as a Major General in the United States Air Force (USAF) following a highly decorated career. Some highlights of Bolton's assignments include serving as a test pilot for the F-4, F-111, and F-16; Program Executive Officer for the Air Force Fighter and Bomber programs; and the first Program Manager for the Advanced Tactical Fighter Technologies program, which evolved into the F-22 System Program Office.

Bolton received his USAF commission in 1969 through the University of Nebraska's Air Force ROTC Program, where he was a distinguished graduate. His education includes a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Nebraska



Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White (left) swears in Claude M. Bolton Jr. as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology during a Feb. 1 ceremony at the Pentagon. Holding the Bible is Bolton's wife, Linda.

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at Lincoln; a master's in management from Troy State University, Troy, Ala.; and a master's in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

Bolton expressed, "My family and I are honored, humbled, and excited about becoming part of this great Army team. From Secretary White, Gen. Shinseki on down, we have been made to feel a valued team member from Day One. I deeply appreciate that and look forward to doing whatever I can to ensure the U.S. Army remains the most capable, most powerful, and most respected army the world has ever known."

Bolton is married to the former Linda Roll of Alma, Neb. They have two daughters: Cynthia who resides in Manhattan, N.Y., and Jennifer who resides in Clifton, Va.

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