



# Paul J. Hoepfer Sworn In As Assistant Secretary of The Army

**P**aul J. Hoepfer was sworn in Friday [May 29, 1998] as Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition) (ASA[RDA]) by the Acting Secretary of the Army Robert M. Walker.

In this position, Hoepfer will serve as the Army Acquisition Executive, the Senior Procurement Executive, and the Science Advisor to the Secretary. Also, he will serve as the senior research and development official for the Department of the Army. Among his responsibilities as ASA(RDA) 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.

Formerly Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (International and Commercial Programs), Hoepfer's association with the Department of Defense and the defense industry dates to the mid-1970's, when he served as consultant to the U.S. Navy on major missile and anti-submarine system procurement. Hoepfer has also consulted to private companies in the aerospace industry on numerous defense programs, strategic issues, and corporate restructurings.

In 1993, he was selected to serve on the Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Acquisition Reform. As a member of the Task Force, he served on several panels, including the Oversight Cost Panel and the Large-Scale R&D Commercial Practices Panel. He was the DSB representative to the Integrated Dual Use Commercial Companies Working Group, sponsored by the Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition Reform.

Hoepfer also served on the faculty of Stanford Law School and as Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern California (USC) Law Center. In 1989, he developed a course entitled What Lawyers Should Know About Business for the Stanford Law School, and taught the course at USC from 1991-1995. He was a member of the Los Angeles High Technology Council and served as a panelist at the Berkley Roundtable on the International Economy, focusing on the defense industry transition.

In December 1996, Secretary of Defense William J. Perry awarded Hoepfer the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service. Hoepfer received his B.S.E. in Basic Engineering from Princeton University in 1968, and his M.A.T in Mathematics from Harvard University in 1972. In his leisure time, Hoepfer enjoys playing competitive tennis, flyfishing, and playing the piano. He and his wife, Barbara Fowler, are the parents of two children.

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