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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS
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GENERAL OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced today that the president has made the following nominations:

Army Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers has been nominated for appointment to the grade of major general. Chambers is currently serving as commanding general/commandant, U.S. Army Transportation Center and School, Fort Eustis, Va.

Army Brig. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine has been nominated for appointment to the grade of major general. Fontaine is currently serving as deputy chief of staff, G-4, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

Army Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald has been nominated for appointment to the grade of major general. Macdonald is currently serving as deputy commanding general, Installation Management Command, Arlington, Va.

Army Brig. Gen. Patrick J. O'Reilly has been nominated for appointment to the grade of major general. O'Reilly is currently serving as program director, ground-based midcourse defense, Missile Defense Agency, Huntsville, Ala.

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FLAG OFFICER ASSIGNMENT

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen announced the following flag officer assignment:

Rear Adm. (lower half) (selectee) Kathleen M. Dussault is being assigned as deputy assistant secretary of the Navy (acquisition management), Washington, D.C. Dussault is currently serving as chief, acquisition division, J33, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (NOV. 16, 2006)

AIR FORCE TAPS FOUR AFMC GENERALS FOR NEW POSITIONS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—As a result of senior leader assignments announced by the Air Force Nov. 16, four generals within Air Force Materiel Command will move, and the command will gain two Senior Executive Service civilians.

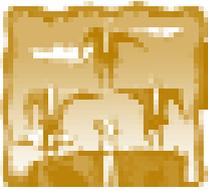
Maj. Gen. Jeffrey R. Riemer is currently the commander of the Air Armament Center and Program Executive Officer, Weapons, at Eglin AFB, Fla. He will be reassigned as the Air Force program executive officer for the F-22 program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, at the Pentagon. Past assignments include serving in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a military staff assistant for developmental testing of aircraft and air-to-air missiles. Later assignments include program manager for the MC-130H Combat Talon, and Program Executive Officer for Command and Control, and Combat Support Systems.

Brig. Gen. David W. Eidsaune will succeed Riemer as commander, AAC and Program Executive Officer, Weapons. Currently, Eidsaune is commander of the Air Force Security Assistance Center at Wright-Patterson AFB. Eidsaune entered the Air Force in 1978. He has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels, and was vice commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson from July 2002 through February 2003.

Maj. Gen. Johnny A. Weida will succeed Eidsaune as the AFSAC commander. Currently Weida is the director, Intelligence and Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson AFB. Weida has served as a member of the Thunderbirds U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Team and has held staff positions with U.S. Forces Korea and the Air Staff Plans and Programs Directorate.

Brig. Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger will succeed Weida as the director, Intelligence and Requirements, Headquarters AFMC. Currently, Wolfenbarger is special assistant to the AFMC Commander for Command Transformation. She has held several positions in the F-22 System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB, served as the F-22 Lead Program Element Monitor at the Pentagon, and was the B-2 System Program Director for ASC from April 2000 through December 2002.

Among the gains for AFMC is **Susan J. Thornton**. She was appointed SES director, Directed Energy Directorate located at Kirtland AFB, N.M. Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate develops high-energy lasers, high-power microwaves, and other directed energy technologies for the Air Force and Department of Defense. Currently, Thornton is the director, Engineer-



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ing, Airborne Laser Program for the Missile Defense Agency at Kirtland AFB.

Another AFMC addition is **Dr. Patrick G. Carrick**. He was appointed SES director, Physics and Electronics, Air Force Office of Scientific Research. AFOSR supports Air Force goals of control and maximum utilization of air and space by investing in basic research efforts for the Air Force in relevant scientific areas. AFOSR is located in Arlington, Va., and is part of AFRL. Currently Carrick is the NH-IV chief science, technology, and international advisor for the special assistant for Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization Programs, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 11, 2006)

GENERAL OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENT

The chief of staff, Air Force announces the assignment of the following general officer:

Brig. Gen. Gary S. Connor, deputy chief of staff, communications and information systems, Multi-National Force-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq, to program director, Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Program, Missile Defense Agency, Huntsville, Ala.

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (DEC. 13, 2006)

RUMSFELD PRESENTS AWARDS TO DOD LEADERS

Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld thanked men and women of the Defense Department during a ceremony at the Pentagon today.

Rumsfeld, who stepped down as secretary Dec. 18, wanted to recognize all that servicemembers and civilians in the department have done in the past six years.

“I begin with the men and women of our armed forces,” he said. “They risk their lives, thousands of miles from home. They bring relief and safety to victims of tsunamis and earthquakes and hurricanes, and they go for months at a time without seeing their loved ones.”

Rumsfeld recalled his trip last weekend to thank the troops in Iraq for their sacrifices. “I told them how much we appreciate their service, and how important their sacrifice is to their fellow Americans,” he said. “I have never ceased to be inspired by their courage, their professionalism, and their determination.”

The secretary then presented the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service to 32 military and civilian employees of the Pentagon during the ceremony.

Those honored included Meg Falk for 9/11 Family Support, Lisa Disbrow and Air Force Col. Robert Nolan for combating stress on the force, Army Col. Michael Stout for the provincial reconstruction team concept, retired Army Lt. Gen. Mick Kicklighter and his team for Iraqi and Enduring Freedom assessments, retired Army Gen. Montgomery Meigs for the Improvised Explosive Device Task Force, and Navy Rear Adm. Michael Lefever for leading Pakistan earthquake relief.

Also honored were retired Army Lt. Gen. Gus Pagonis of the Defense Business Board, Allison Barber for public and community outreach—most notably, for the department’s “America Supports You” program, Theresa Whelan for her work in Africa policy, James MacDougall for his work with Central Asia policy, and Army Lt. Gen. Steve Blum for Katrina relief.

Honorees also included Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering for restructuring the missile defense program, Navy Vice Adm. Stanley Szemborski for budget and analysis support, Richard Lawless for East Asia policy, and Philip Grone and his team for base realignment and closure.

The secretary honored Andrew Marshall for defense transportation policy, William Haynes and Daniel Dell’Orto and their team for legal initiatives, Paul McHale and Peter Verga and their team for homeland defense capabilities, Thomas Hall for negotiating Iceland transformation, and Dr. William Winkenwerder for military medicine enhancements.

Rumsfeld also presented awards to Ryan Henry and his team for the Quadrennial Defense Review effort, Peter Geren for all-around DoD excellence, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen and Air Force Gen. Mike Moseley for transitional support for nontraditional missions, Gen. Peter Schoomaker for Army transformation, and Steven Cambone for intelligence transformation.

Finally, the secretary presented awards to David Chu for the department’s language and regional training initiative, Ken Krieg for business process transformation, and Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England and his team for the National Security Personnel System.

Garamone is with American Forces Press Service.



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NEW MILITARY DEPUTY TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS & TECHNOLOGY)

On Nov. 1, 2006, Army Lt. Gen. N. Ross Thompson III assumed duties as Military Deputy (MILDEP) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASAALT) and Director, Acquisition Career Management (DACM). Thompson previously served as commanding general, U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command in Warren, Mich. He also brings field experience from numerous command positions including the 45th Corps Support Group (Forward), U.S. Army Pacific Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Thompson replaces Army Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., who had served as MILDEP/DACM since November 2003, and is retiring after more than 35 years of service.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CONTRACT POLICY NAMED

Richard T. Ginman has been selected as the deputy director for contract policy, Office of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, reporting Oct. 30, 2006. He is a retired naval officer whose career included tours as a contracting officer; assistant commander for Contracting at Naval Sea Systems Command; former director, Acquisition Business Management in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); and a former deputy director in the Office of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy. He retired with the rank of Navy rear admiral. Since his retirement he has held positions in industry. He most recently served as a vice president at General Dynamics.



From Our Readers

Implementing ERP

I read Col. David W. Coker's "Lessons Learned from the Army's Largest ERP Implementation" in Defense AT&L, Nov-Dec 2006, on the Army's Logistics Modernization Program (LMP). The article, however, never mentions the applications platform or any details about applications contracts (who is doing it for the Army?). What is the enterprise resource planning application being used to implement LMP? Is it SAP? I concur that implementing ERP is a business transformation, not just a technology upgrade, but any technology platform has positives and negatives. The article was silent on any lessons learned regarding the technology performance (versus availability) other than the need for better data cleansing and an advanced help desk tool. Is it accurate to read between the lines that the platform requires extensive help desk and process assistance?

I would like to see Defense AT&L get a little more into the weeds of how DoD's ERP systems are performing and whether we are all really using the best technology infrastructures in our modernization programs.

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The author responds:

In the case of LMP, the Army purchased a service, not a system. In doing so, the application service provider is responsible for delivering and sustaining a modernized enterprise resource planning solution to the Army Materiel Command. Computer Sciences Corporation is the lead system integrator providing this service for LMP. SAP is the ERP application that LMP is implementing. The software version and SAP products used for the solution are SAP R/3 4.6C, Business Warehouse, Advanced Planning Optimizer, Strategic Enterprise Management and Enterprise Portal 6.

From a technology performance perspective, LMP has been very successful and, in many areas, has exceeded industry standards. There are lessons learned, regarding processes for problem ticket management and documentation; these relate to changes made to the production solution. Both processes are critical and need to be well defined and followed. LMP established an oversight group to continually evaluate and improve all processes and a quality team to monitor and enforce compliance. There is absolutely a need for a 24/7 help desk capability, onsite customer assistance and reach-back support. In LMP's case, the application service provider is required to provide help desk capabilities for the length of its contract. The onsite customer support depends on training and education; the number of customer expert users; and functional issues, among others. Help desk capability, process assistance and sound program governance are critical.