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## AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS (SEPT. 5, 2007) UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE HEADS BACK TO SCHOOL

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**W**ASHINGTON—Under Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Ronald M. Sega announced Aug. 30 he was resigning his post for a faculty position at Colorado State University.

Sega, a former astronaut, became the under secretary of the Air Force in 2005. His background with NASA gave him vast credibility as the Air Force revamped several policies regarding space and energy consumption.

“I’ve cherished my time with the Air Force,” Sega said. “It’s been an absolute pleasure and an honor to have served with the best air and space force on earth. It’s with a heavy heart that my family and I leave the Air Force, but we feel this is the best thing for us right now.”

Under his watch, the Air Force satellite acquisition policy was reformatted to a “back-to-basics” approach, as Sega described it. Because of the rapid advancement in computer systems, by the time a satellite was built and ready for launch, several aspects of the software would be outdated. This led to delays and cost overruns. Sega changed that.

“We worked directly with our contractors to streamline the acquisition process to make sure satellite systems did what the Air Force needed them to do,” he said. “Since then, we’ve been able to field systems that today’s warfighters use every day.”

In addition, Sega facilitated the Air Force reaching new records in space flight, creating a new national benchmark of 51 successful rocket launches in a row.

Sega and his staff also took the reins of the Air Force’s energy policy. He saw the Service become more energy efficient and helped create a culture of “energy consumption awareness.”

Thanks to his vision, the Air Force is counted as the nation’s primary purchaser of renewable energy.

Sega personally oversaw a project to test a B-52 Stratofortress configured to fly with a synthetic blend of fuel. Further, he paved the way for the process to be tested on other aircraft, such as the C-17 Globemaster III.

“The Air Force always looks for the way forward,” Sega said. “From my days at the Air Force Academy to my time as the under secretary, I’ll carry my experiences with the Air Force with me always. I wish everyone associated with this great Service the best of luck and could not be more proud of them.”

*Buzanowski writes for Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs.*

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (AUG. 31, 2007) GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS

**T**he chief of staff, Air Force announces the assignments of the following general officers:

Brig. Gen. David B. Warner, director, command and control programs, Defense Information Systems Agency, Arlington, Va., to director, logistics and warfighting integration, and chief information officer, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Maj. Gen. Robert H. McMahon, director, logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to director, maintenance, deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Brig. Gen. Kenneth D. Merchant, vice commander, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to director, logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION NEWS RELEASE (SEPT. 6, 2007) CAUGHMAN SELECTED AS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR GSA’S FEDERAL ACQUISITION SERVICE

**W**ashington—Air Force veteran and former White House aide Bruce Caughman will serve as chief of staff for the Federal Acquisition Service, FAS Commissioner James A. Williams announced Sept. 6. The Federal Acquisition Service is the procurement arm of the U.S. General Services Administration.

“Mr. Caughman brings an extraordinary level of expertise and exceptional experience to his new position,” said Williams. “As chief of staff, he will play a critically important role in ensuring even greater successes for the Federal Acquisition Service and GSA.”

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### Ogden Air Logistics Center Commander Receives Second Star

Oct. 10, 2007—Newly promoted Maj. Gen. Kathleen Close gets her second star pinned on by her husband, retired Col. Mike Close, her sister, Patricia Balph, and her godfather, retired Col. Patrick Kenny. Gen. Bruce Carlson (far left), commander of Air Force Materiel Command, presided over the promotion ceremony. *Air Force photograph by Todd Cromar*

As part of the executive leadership team, Caughman will help oversee the procurement and delivery of \$46 billion worth of products and services to the federal government. He will also be integrally involved in developing and implementing critical FAS policies and operational procedures.

Prior to joining GSA, Caughman served with the U.S. Air Force for more than 22 years, specializing in operations and acquisition and demonstrating expertise as a program manager and organizational leader. Additionally, he served on the White House staff for seven years in a variety of positions, including presidential emergency operations officer and personal aide to the president.

Caughman has extensive experience in providing acquisition and policy development support within DoD and in the private sector. He previously held key positions in two of DoD's most important acquisition programs—F-22

fighters and Joint Strike Fighters—contributing significantly to their success.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Caughman received an undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina and an MBA from Webster University in St. Louis, Mo.

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 19, 2007) DOD NAMES NEW NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE DIRECTOR

**T**he secretary of defense announced today the decision to appoint Scott F. Large as director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), with the concurrence of the director of national intelligence. Prior to his

appointment, Large served as the NRO's principal deputy director, and recently as the director of source operations and management in the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Large joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1986 and has held a variety of increasingly senior technical positions culminating as the associate deputy director for science and technology. He then moved back to the NRO to serve as the director of imagery systems acquisition and operations.

The NRO is a Department of Defense agency within the intelligence community that designs, builds, and operates the nation's reconnaissance satellites. It is staffed by DoD and CIA personnel and funded through the National Reconnaissance Program, part of the National Intelligence Program.

For more information, see <[www.nro.gov/](http://www.nro.gov/)> or contact the NRO Public Affairs Office at 703-808-1198.