

Gen McCoy Assumes Command of AF Global Logistics Support Center

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AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 13, 2008)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—The commander of Air Force Materiel Command installed a new commander for the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center Nov. 13 in ceremonies at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

During those ceremonies Gen. Bruce Carlson, who leads AFMC, AFGLSC's parent unit, awarded command of the center to Maj. Gen. Gary T. McCoy. McCoy replaces Col. H. Brent Baker Sr., who had commanded the center since its inception as a provisional headquarters in May 2007.

AFGLSC is the Air Force hub for supply chain management. Personnel there network logistics experts from around the Air Force to link wholesale and retail logistics and to integrate and oversee all logistic processes, technology, and resources.

The center commander, whose goal is to deliver end-to-end warfighter support more rapidly and at reduced cost, oversees an organization that includes two wings, a group, and other units located at Scott AFB; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Wright-Patterson AFB; Hill AFB, Utah; Robins AFB, Ga.; Gunter AFS, Ala.; and Langley AFB, Va.

McCoy comes to the center from Headquarters Air Force, where he had served as director of logistics readiness in the office of the deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations, and mission support.

Baker, who helped develop the center from concept to reality, is staying on as the vice commander.

"We've been working toward the day when our plans for a two-star general officer as commander could come to fruition," Baker said. "We're really excited that we're going to be led by the senior logistics readiness officer in the Air Force. He's been involved with the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center since the beginning and is the perfect individual to lead us as we move forward."

"I really want to thank my team for all their support during the last 18 months," Baker added. "Without that dedication and hard work, we'd never have finished melding this organization together."

About his new command, McCoy said, "The last couple of years at the Pentagon have been challenging, exciting, and productive. I leave behind a great team of logistics readiness

airmen who are leaning forward to support the greatest Air Force in the world.

"At the same time, I really look forward to leading the center," he said. "I'm extremely proud of all the hard work and progress made by Colonel Baker and his team and will continue to build on the progress they've made. I am truly honored to join the outstanding men and women of AFGLSC and feel especially privileged to command the Air Force's premier global supply chain management activity."

Rumple writes for Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs.

Dunwoody Becomes First Female Four-Star General

Fred W. Baker III

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (NOV. 14, 2008)

WASHINGTON—For the first time in U.S. history, a female military officer pinned on the rank of four-star general.

Army Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody was promoted just hours before taking the helm of the Army Materiel Command, a Fortune 100-sized organization with nearly 130,000 service-members at 150 locations worldwide charged with equipping, outfitting, and arming the Service's soldiers.

The promotion ceremony was a veritable "Who's Who" within the Defense Department, as the defense secretary, the Army secretary, the chairman and all of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, two former Army chiefs of staff, and other senior military officials attended.

The Pentagon auditorium was standing-room-only, leaving even a three-star general to fend for himself and stand in the back.

"We invited everyone but the fire marshal," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates quipped as he took the podium.

Speaking briefly, Gates heralded Dunwoody's 33-year career, calling her one of the foremost military logisticians of her generation who's known among senior officials as a proven, albeit humble, leader.

"History will no doubt take note of her achievement in breaking through this final brass ceiling to pin on a fourth star," Gates said. "But she would rather be known and remembered, first and foremost, as a U.S. Army soldier."

Dunwoody's career as a soldier began, Gates pointed out, in the Women's Army Corps and at a time when women were not allowed to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West

Point. Her father and brother, both West Point graduates, sat in the front row of her promotion ceremony.

The general's father graduated from the academy in 1943, following in the steps of his father, who graduated in 1905. Dunwoody's great-grandfather graduated from West Point in 1866.

"Now you understand why people think I have olive-drab blood," Dunwoody joked later.

In fact, Dunwoody's father is a combat veteran of three wars and received Purple Heart medals for wounds suffered in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He wears the Army's Distinguished Service Cross for valor. Dunwoody credited her successes to her father's teachings and the family's strong military values.

Dunwoody said she has been fortunate to live a lifetime of firsts, and that the Army gave her those opportunities. The Army has mentored her, she said, and now she has been given the opportunity to return the favor.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. pointed out that, as Dunwoody was receiving her commission, the Army was finishing a study on what those serving thought were appropriate jobs for women in the Army.

The top job appropriate for women, according to officers and enlisted soldiers in 1975, was that of a cook. Dunwoody joined the Army's quartermaster branch.

"That's the Army that Ann Dunwoody entered—an institution just figuring out how to deal with the full potential of an all-volunteer Army, and not yet ready to leverage the strengths of each individual soldier in its ranks," Casey said. "And Ann's career has mirrored our progress."

In 1970, the Army promoted its first female officer to brigadier general. Three years after Dunwoody was commissioned, the Army promoted its first female soldier to major general, and at the same time disbanded the Women's Army Corps, which had its roots steeped in World War II. A year later, Dunwoody took command of a mixed-gender company, a relatively new concept in the Army. The first female lieutenant general was promoted in 1997.

The Army now has 21 female general officers, and just more than 100 have served within the Defense Department.



U.S. Army General Ann E. Dunwoody speaks to the audience during her historic promotion ceremony at the Pentagon, Nov. 14, 2008, where she became the nation's first four-star female officer. Behind her sits (l. to r.) Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey, and Dunwoody's husband, Craig Brotchie.

DoD photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Molly A. Burgess

Dunwoody first joined the Army intent on serving only two years, she said. Her success, she admitted, comes to her as a surprise.

"There is no one more surprised than I, except of course my husband. You know what they say—behind every successful woman, there's an astonished man," she joked.

Her husband, Craig, who sat beside her on stage during the ceremony, is a retired Air Force colonel. They met while attending a military school together.

"It's as overwhelming as it is humbling, especially for somebody who thought fifth grade was the best three years of her life," she joked.

The general said at first she didn't appreciate the enormity of the event. She has previously refused all requests for media interviews. Pentagon officials said Dunwoody was uncomfortable with the attention garnered when she was nominated to be the first female four-star general.

Since then, Dunwoody said, she has received cards, letters, e-mails, and encouragement from men and women serving in all branches of the military around the world—many offering congratulations, others thanking her for her service.

In a briefing at the Pentagon later, Dunwoody said she never grew up believing any limitations were set for her career.

"I never grew up in an environment where I never even heard of the words 'glass ceiling,'" she said. "You could always be anything you wanted to be if you worked hard, and so I never felt constrained. I never felt like there were limitations on what I could do."

And, because much of her career has been forged on relatively new paths cut by a handful of women having gone before her, Dunwoody at first saw this latest accomplishment as simply more of the same, she said.

"My whole career was kind of the first of my generation, because women had not been down those roads before," she said. "And so you go, 'Why is this first any different than the other first?' But it is different, because it is a bigger first."

Still, Dunwoody was quick to deflect the attention her accomplishments were receiving.

"While ... I may be the first woman to achieve this honor, I know with certainty that I won't be the last," she said.

Now, at age 55 and with this promotion, Dunwoody said, she has finally realized her purpose.

"Even though I thought I was only coming in the Army for two years, I now know from the day I first donned my uniform, soldiering is all I ever wanted to do," she said.

New Director Calls DLA "National Asset"

Kathleen T. Rhem

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY PRESS RELEASE (NOV. 19, 2008)

Calling the Defense Logistics Agency a "national asset," Navy Vice Adm. Alan S. Thompson officially assumed responsibilities as the agency's 16th director Nov. 19.

Thompson called DLA "a vital enabler to the readiness of our armed forces, manned by the world's finest military and civilian personnel."

"When we talk about the forward defense of freedom, DLA is laser-focused on our mission of providing everything that is needed to those deployed and sustaining the finest combat

forces in the world around the clock around the world," he added.

During the ceremony, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness Jack Bell noted that Thompson is no stranger to DLA. Before becoming director, Thompson served in various positions in the agency and as a customer.

Most recently, Thompson was commander of Naval Supply Systems Command. He also previously was commander of the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, in Norfolk, Va., and of the Defense Supply Center Columbus, Ohio.

During his remarks, Thompson said he believes strongly in DLA's mission and looks forward to the Agency's continued success.

"The sun truly never sets on DLA," he said. "You see the DLA logo on nearly every military base around the world, and we are forward-deployed everywhere our forward-deployed soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines serve. And in every case, I believe we're providing exceptional logistics support."

The admiral outlined four guiding principles for DLA employees.

- "That we exist to support our nation's warfighters. It's about focusing everything we do on providing everything that is needed to accomplish their mission;
- "That we must always seek the best solution for the armed forces and the Department of Defense and never worry about protecting our own turf;
- "That we should argue passionately about what is good and effective but not allow that to blind us to needed change; and
- "That the well-being and effective replenishment of our ever more diverse workforce, both military and civilian, is the foundation on which all of our efforts must be based."

He also introduced DLA employees to five strategic focus areas that will guide the agency's efforts under his leadership.

- Warfighter support enhancement. He said this area is "always our top priority."
- A mission area assessment to assess current and future roles.
- Workforce development. This is important "to ensure that we have the right skills and a plan to continue to replenish our aging workforce," Thompson said.

- Stewardship improvements. “We must always expect the very highest standards when managing the tax dollars of our nation’s citizens,” he stressed.
- Business process refinement. This will maximize DLA’s performance using the Enterprise Business System, the agency’s primary supply chain and financial business process system.

Thompson also stressed that he is proud of the accomplishments of DLA’s workforce.

“As Theodore Roosevelt said, ‘Far and away the best prize this life offers is the chance to work hard at work that is worth doing.’

“And I think when you look at what has happened in our nation and in our Department of Defense and our armed forces since 9/11, this is a particularly significant and important time to serve,” Thompson said.

General Officer Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 18, 2008)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has made the following nomination: **Air Force Maj. Gen. Loren M. Reno** has been nominated for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general with assignment as deputy chief of staff, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Reno is currently serving as commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Flag Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 20, 2008)

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead announced today the following assignments:

Rear Adm. John W. Goodwin is being assigned as assistant chief of Naval Operations for Next Generation Enterprise Network System Program, Washington, D.C. Goodwin is currently serving as commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va.

Rear Adm. (lower half) David A. Dunaway is being assigned as commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, Norfolk, Va. Dunaway is currently serving as commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapon Division, China Lake, Calif.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (NOV. 21, 2008)

The Air Force chief of staff announces the assignments of the following general officers:

Maj. Gen. Patrick D. Gillett Jr., director, logistics, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., to commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Brig. Gen. Judith A. Fedder, commander, 76th Maintenance Wing, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., to director, logistics, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Brig. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield, director, logistics, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, to commander, 76th Maintenance Wing, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Gen. Hoffman Assumes Leadership of Air Force Materiel Command

John Scaggs

AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE (NOV. 21, 2008)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Gen. Donald J. Hoffman assumed command of the organization responsible for the technology, acquisition, test, and sustainment of the Service’s current and future weapon systems during a ceremony Nov. 21.

Hoffman took the reins of Air Force Materiel Command from Gen. Bruce Carlson during a change of command held at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Carlson, who had served as the commander of AFMC since August 2005, is retiring after 37 years of service.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presided over the change of command and began by highlighting Carlson’s unwavering leadership in establishing a vision known to everyone in AFMC: war-winning capabilities—on time, on cost.

“Bruce, you can be confident that AFMC successfully delivers war-winning expeditionary capabilities to the warfighter,” Schwartz said. “Your work is going to pay wonderful dividends for years to come.

“You leave a legacy of excellence, and you were a friend to all airmen,” Schwartz continued. “We wish you and Vicki the very best.”

Carlson, who has led AFMC since August 2005, told the crowd that he considered it an honor to serve and learn from such a diverse and talented group of people.



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz (left) and Gen. Bruce Carlson (right) congratulate Gen. Donald Hoffman, who became the seventh commander of Air Force Materiel Command during a change-of-command ceremony Nov. 21. General Hoffman succeeds Carlson, who is retiring after almost 38 years of service. The event took place inside the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. U.S. Air Force photo by Ben Strasser

"During my tenure as AFMC commander, it was a privilege to serve alongside people who were unified in purpose and in decision," he said. "It's a remarkable opportunity for a commander when you have a group of people like that around you. The men and women of AFMC understand the mission, comprehend the goals, and work hard to ensure they are accomplished. God bless each of you for your service and God bless the U.S. Air Force."

Schwartz emphasized AFMC's vital role in the Air Force's national security capability and added that he is confident Hoffman will lead the command to acquisition and sustainment excellence.

"So much of the Air Force's success hinges on leadership," Schwartz said. "General Hoffman will lead a command whose work will be critically important to our Air Force and this nation in the years ahead."

Hoffman thanked Schwartz and Air Force Secretary Michael Donley for their faith in his ability to lead AFMC and then stated he was looking forward to working alongside AFMC's airmen, civilians, and contractors.

"I'm honored to join this team," Hoffman said. "Together, we will continue to produce a product and provide services for our warfighters that will dissuade and deter those who wish us harm. Your efforts help keep this nation safe."

Prior to the change of command, Hoffman received his fourth star during a brief promotion ceremony. After serving as the military deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition at the Pentagon for the past three years, Hoffman becomes the seventh AFMC commander since AFMC stood up on July 1, 1992. He will now lead a

workforce currently numbering about 74,000 people and manage an annual budget of about \$59 billion.

Scaggs writes for Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs.

Pillsbury Confirmed for 3rd Star

Skip Vaughn

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 11, 2008)

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury's nomination for his third star was confirmed Dec. 8. The president had nominated him for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as deputy commanding general/chief of staff for Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

He is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations at AMC.

"Becky and I are humbled by this nomination, confirmation, and promotion to lieutenant general," said Pillsbury, former commander, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. "We are proud to continue serving soldiers and their families. Our nation is at war, and I can think of nowhere else I would rather be than serving in the United States Army and, more specifically, here in the Army Materiel Command."

Vaughn writes for the Redstone Rocket.

Senior Leader Assignments, Retirement Impact AFMC

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 12, 2008)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio —Two generals within Air Force Materiel Command are on the move, a third is retiring, while a fourth general is inbound, according to a Dec. 12 senior leader announcement.

Maj. Gen. David Eidsaune will become the Air, Space, and Information Operations director at Headquarters AFMC, located at Wright-Patterson AFB. Currently, Eidsaune is the commander, Air Armament Center and the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Weapons, located at Eglin AFB, Fla.

Maj Gen Charles Davis will become the commander, Air Armament Center and the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Weapons at Eglin AFB. Currently, Davis is the director, Joint Strike Fighter Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics in Arlington, Va.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Lanni will become commander of the Air Force Security Assistance Center, or AFSAC, at Wright-Patterson AFB. Currently, Lanni is the Air, Space, and Information Operations director at Headquarters AFMC.

Lanni will succeed Brig. Gen. Joseph Reheiser, the current AFSAC commander, who is retiring.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 15, 2008)

The Air Force chief of staff announced the assignments of the following general officers:

Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Lanni, director, Air, Space, and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to commander, Air Force Security Assistance Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Maj. Gen. David W. Eidsaune, commander, Air Armament Center and program executive officer, weapons, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., to director, Air, Space, and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Maj. Gen. Charles R. Davis, director, Joint Strike Fighter Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Arlington, Va., to commander, Air Armament Center and program executive officer, weapons, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.