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DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY NEWS ROOM (MAY 6, 2008) ERNST ENDS 30 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE

Dick Cole

Defense Contract Management Agency Director Keith D. Ernst ended 30 years of service to the United States at a formal retirement ceremony May 6, in Alexandria, Va.

Presiding over Ernst's ceremony was Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology Dr. James Finley. At the ceremony, Finley presented Ernst with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service for "exemplary leadership, commitment to excellence, and expert managerial abilities executing the complex and diversified contract management and acquisition logistics services of DCMA."

Ernst served as the deputy director and director of the Defense Department's contract management organization from October 2005 until his retirement.

"Keith held, literally, every senior position of management in DCMA in his career," said Finley. Ernst, whom Finley referred to as a "special friend," was praised by the deputy under secretary as "one of our best leaders who has provided an unwavering commitment to trust and integrity.

"Keith exuded leadership, trust, and integrity," he added, "the absolute cornerstone for making leadership matter. He was steady at the helm ... in very turbulent times and up for service to his country, 24/7, 365."

Present at Ernst's retirement ceremony were his wife, brother, three of his four sisters, his son and two daughters, two granddaughters, four grandsons, a daughter-in-law, and approximately 150 guests from industry and government.

Ernst thanked his wife, Jane, and his family for allowing him to pursue "opportunities and dreams." He saved his greatest gratitude for the nearly 10,000 men and women of DCMA.

"Nothing works unless everyone is working together to make a real impact. It really is all about the people. DCMA does not own any buildings. We do not have any manufacturing assets. All we have is the ability to work the process and the contractors that provide the services for the government on behalf of our warfighters," Ernst said.

Ernst will join his family in Rosemount, Minn., in the suburbs of Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Cole is the chief, Defense Contract Management Agency Public Affairs.

WILLIAMS APPOINTED DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY NEW DIRECTOR

Charlie E. Williams Jr., was appointed as Defense Contract Management Agency's new director by John J. Young Jr., under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, effective May 4.

Prior to assuming his new duties, Williams was the deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for contracting in the office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, and the U.S. member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Airborne Early Warning and Control Programme Board of Directors.

Prior to this assignment, Williams served as associate deputy assistant director for contracting in the office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force from March 2002 to 2003 and as team lead, program executive officer, and deputy assistant secretary for contracting, office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition.

Williams entered federal service in 1982 through the Air Force Logistics Command's Mid-Level Management Training program, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Upon graduation, he served as senior buyer and contracting officer for F100 and TF39 engines at Kelly. From 1984 to 1987, Williams was a procurement analyst in the resources and analysis division of Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

He participated in the Air Force's prestigious Education with Industry program for a year, working at GE's Aircraft Engines Division, Cincinnati, Ohio, from June 1987 until July 1988. Following this year of duty in the private sector, Williams became the director of business strategy in the acquisition logistics division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In 1990, Williams was named chief, Logistics Support Contracting Division, and in 1992, deputy chief for resources, management and analysis, Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Williams is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps and is Level II certified in systems acquisition. He holds a

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bachelor of science degree from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, and a master's degree from Tennessee State University, Nashville. He is also a 1996 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, where he earned a second master's degree in national resource management.

His awards and recognitions include a special service award, meritorious civilian service award, exceptional civilian service award, and meritorious executive presidential rank award.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 5, 2008)

GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENT

The chief of staff, Air Force announces the assignment of the following general officer: **Maj. Gen. Michael C. Gould**, commander, Second Air Force, Air Education and Training Command, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., to director, operations and plans (TCJ3), United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 7, 2008)

FLAG OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced that the President has made the following nomination: **Navy Rear Adm. Kevin M. McCoy** has been nominated for appointment to the grade of vice admiral and assignment as commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. McCoy is currently serving as deputy commander for ship design, integration and engineering, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 9, 2008)

GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS

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

Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Owen, commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to director, logistics and sustainment, Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, director, resource integration, deputy chief of staff, logistics, installations and mission support, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Cameron III, commander, 309th Maintenance Wing, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to director, resource integration, deputy chief of staff, logistics, installations and mission support, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Brig. Gen. John B. Cooper, who has been selected to the rank of Maj. Gen., director, logistics, Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla., to commander, 309th Maintenance Wing, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 12, 2008)

SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE APPOINTMENT

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service appointment: **Jay R. Kistler Jr.**, assistant director, electronic warfare, reassigned to technical director, force development, office of the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 19, 2008)

FLAG OFFICER ASSIGNMENT

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead announced the following flag officer assignment: **Capt. James J. Shannon**, who has been selected to the rank of rear admiral (lower half), is being assigned as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Washington, D.C. Shannon is currently serving as executive assistant to the assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development, and acquisition, office of the assistant secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C.

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS (MAY 27, 2008) OFFICIALS SELECT ACQUISITION REGIONAL DIRECTORS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—The Air Force Installation Acquisition Transformation initiative to streamline installation-level purchasing across the continental United States continued to move forward May 21 as Air Force Materiel Command named provisional directors for the new Installation Acquisition Center and the five regional Installation Acquisition Groups.

Gen. Bruce Carlson, AFMC commander, selected Col. Mark Hobson as the provisional director of the Installation Acquisition Center at Wright-Patterson AFB. The IAC

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will provide strategic guidance and vision to the Installation Acquisition Groups, and the IAGs will be aligned under the IAC.

The following people were selected as provisional commanders and directors at the following locations:

- **Col. Steve Elliott**, 788th IAG, St. Louis
- **Lt. Col. Todd Pospisil**, 787th IAG, Warner Robins, Ga.
- **Col. Kurt Stonerock**, 789th IAG, San Antonio, Texas
- **Col. Harold Cunningham**, 790th IAG, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- **Col. Nannette Benitez**, 786th IAG, Hampton Roads, Va.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne approved the IAT concept in August 2007 and charged AFMC officials to lead the initiative. The IAT mission is to transform installation acquisition and contracting to strategically support the warfighter.

The provisional directors will oversee strategic sourcing for goods and services purchased by Air Force base officials within their regions, leveraging scarce dollars and enhancing relationships with suppliers, including small businesses. Each IAG will be staffed mostly by contracting experts and other stakeholders in the sourcing process, with five full-time small-business experts assigned to each region. The IAGs will execute strategic sourcing activities to better leverage Air Force buying power.

“Strategic sourcing is an overall strategy that will allow the Air Force to review where and how it spends money and then determine the most efficient way to acquire the right products and services to meet our customers’ needs,” said Marie McManus, IAT program manager at the AFMC contracting directorate. “With strategic sourcing we are going to simplify the purchasing of similar products and services while reducing the number of manhours used and the number of contracts needed.”

While each installation still will have a contracting office or installation contracting squadron, that office or squadron will have a reduced size and scope. McManus, the ICS, will be responsible for performing limited contracting actions and providing advisory services to installation customers and local service providers. Squadrons at each base will continue to report to installation commanders.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 30, 2008) GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS

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

Brig. Gen. Paul G. Schafer, who has been selected for the rank of major general, director, special programs, office of the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to director, plans and policy, J-5, Headquarters, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

Brig. Gen. Clyde D. Moore II, commander, 478th Aeronautical Systems Wing, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to director, special programs, office of the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (JUNE 9, 2008)

GATES ANNOUNCES RECOMMENDATIONS ON SENIOR AIR FORCE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has recommended that President Bush nominate **Michael B. Donley**, the Defense Department’s director of administration and management, to be the next secretary of the Air Force; and **Air Force Gen. Norton A. Schwartz**, commander of U.S. Transportation Command, to become Air Force chief of staff.

Donley would replace Michael W. Wynne, and Schwartz would replace Gen. T. Michael Moseley, both of whom resigned in June in the wake of a report critical of the Service’s oversight of its nuclear weapons program.

In a statement released June 9, Gates described Donley’s current position as being “essentially charged with running the Pentagon and its many complex operations,” and noted that Donley served as assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management in the first Bush administration and, for a period, as acting secretary of the Air Force.

Gates also recommended that the president designate Donley as acting Air Force secretary, effective June 21.

As commander of TRANSCOM, Schwartz is in charge of the Defense Department’s extensive transportation network and worldwide operations. He has served in senior joint military positions as director of the Joint Staff, director for operations for the Joint Staff, and deputy commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, Gates noted in his statement.

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The defense secretary has also recommended that **Gen. Duncan J. McNabb**, Air Force vice chief of staff, succeed Schwartz at TRANSCOM. McNabb has spent most of his three-plus decades in the Air Force in the areas of lift, refueling, and logistics, “making him an ideal candidate to assume the helm of this command,” Gates said in his statement.

The secretary is also recommending that the president nominate **Lt. Gen. William M. Fraser III**, assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to follow McNabb as the next Air Force vice chief. In his current position, Fraser is the chairman’s chief liaison and advisor on international relations and political-military matters. “In addition to his numerous flying and command assignments in the bomber community, General Fraser has extensive wartime, contingency, and humanitarian relief operational experience,” Gates said in the statement announcing his recommended nominations.

“I am confident that Mike Donley, General Schwartz, and the new Air Force leadership team have the qualifications, skill, and commitment to excellence necessary to guide the Air Force through this transition and beyond,” the statement concluded.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JUNE 10, 2008) FLAG OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS

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

Capt. David F. Baucom, who has been selected to the rank of rear admiral (lower half), is being assigned as director, logistics/fleet supply officer, N41, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va. Baucom is currently serving as commanding officer, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Va.

Capt. Maude E. Young, who has been selected to the rank of rear admiral (lower half), is being assigned as program executive officer for space systems/commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Space Field Activity/director, communications directorate, National Reconnaissance Office, Washington, D.C. Young is currently serving as major program manager for National Reconnaissance Office and National Remote Sensing System, Washington, D.C.

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND (JUNE 13, 2008)

MATERIEL COMMAND'S TOP CIVILIAN MOVING TO HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE

Kathleen Lopez

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Air Force officials announced June 12 that **Barbara Westgate** will become the new Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff, strategic plans and programs.

Westgate, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is currently the executive director of Air Force Materiel Command, headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB.

She will replace Maj. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., who will become the commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

Replacing Westgate is Dr. Steve Butler, also a member of the Senior Executive Service. Currently he is the executive director at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins AFB, Ga. Brenda Romine, a member of the Senior Executive Service and currently the director of the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing at Warner Robins ALC, will take over Butler’s position.

In her new position, Westgate will assist in the development, integration, evaluation, and analysis of the U.S. Air Force Future Years Defense Program that exceeds \$682 billion, as well as the Air Force long-range plan to support national security objectives and military strategy.

Westgate entered government service with the Air Force in 1973. She has served in numerous logistics, financial, and acquisition program management positions.

Prior to assuming her current position, Westgate was Headquarters AFMC director of plans and programs.

“I feel privileged to have served in AFMC the past five years,” Westgate said. “We’ve tackled some tough challenges, and the people of AFMC have always stepped forward to deliver awesome capabilities to our Air Force and the warfighter. I am proud of what we have accomplished.”

In his new position, Butler will advise the AFMC commander in managing all aspects of the command’s mission to deliver war-winning capabilities, aircraft, and weapon systems on time and on cost to America’s warfighters. He will also advise the commander on labor union relations and development of the civilian workforce, which at 70

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percent of AFMC's total force, is the highest among the Air Force's nine major commands.

Butler has served in many broad assignments within the military departments. His assignments range from developing precision guided weapons to senior advisory roles in the office of the secretary of defense. He served as the deputy program director for the F-22 Raptor, and the technical director for most of the Air Force's munitions inventory, including the Joint Direct Attack Munition.

As executive director at Warner Robins ALC, Romine will oversee worldwide logistics management, engineering, supply, contracting, and depot maintenance for a wide variety of aircraft and weapon systems. The center provides worldwide logistics support for C-130 and C-5 transport aircraft, F-15 fighters, U-2 reconnaissance aircraft, as well as support for remotely piloted vehicles, Air Force helicopters, air-to-air missiles, surface motor vehicles and high-technology airborne electronics, avionics, and electronic warfare requirements.

Romine began her Air Force career in 1979 as a clerk typist before entering a training program with the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center.

Lopez writes for Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JUNE 23, 2008) **DOD ANNOUNCES NOMINATION OF FIRST FEMALE FOUR-STAR GENERAL**

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that the President has nominated **Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody** of the Army for appointment to the grade of general and assignment as commander, Army Materiel Command.

"Women continue to achieve great success and make invaluable contributions to the defense of this nation. This is an historic occasion for the Department of Defense, and I am proud to nominate Lt. Gen. Ann Dunwoody for a fourth star," said Gates. "Her 33 years of service, highlighted by extraordinary leadership and devotion to duty, make her exceptionally qualified for this senior position."

Dunwoody was commissioned in 1975 and has served in several positions of command, including commanding general of Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, and deputy chief of staff, logistics. Dunwoody is

currently the deputy commanding general/chief of staff, Army Materiel Command. If confirmed by the Senate, she will be the first female four-star general in American history. The first female servicemember to achieve the rank of brigadier general was Col. Anna Mae Hays, chief of the Army Nurse Corps, on June 11, 1970. There are currently 57 active duty female general officers in the armed forces, five of whom are lieutenant generals.

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY, THE WHITE HOUSE (JUNE 25, 2008) **PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The President intends to nominate **James A. Williams**, of Virginia, to be administrator of the General Services Administration. Williams currently serves as commissioner of the Federal Acquisition Service at the GSA. Prior to this, he served as director of the U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program at the Department of Homeland Security. Earlier in his career, he served as deputy associate commissioner for Program Management in the Business Systems Modernization Office at the Internal Revenue Service. Williams received his bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and his MBA from The George Washington University.

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (JUNE 27, 2008) **AKO RECEIVES CHARTER, NEW PROJECT MANAGER**

Renee Mongo Jenkins

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—Army Knowledge Online and Defense Knowledge Online received a change to their operating charter June 27, along with a new leader.

AKO/DKO, the Army's knowledge-based learning organization, has been upgraded from a project directorship to board-selected project management. Along with the new PM comes new leadership. In a ceremony officiated by Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems Gary Winkler, Col. James Barrineau, outgoing project director, handed leadership of AKO/DKO over to Col. Earl Noble, incoming project manager for AKO.

"This is a testament to the importance of this program and paves the way to a defense-wide enterprise portal," said Barrineau.

As the single point of entry into a robust and scalable knowledge management system, AKO is strategically changing the way the Army does business, he said.

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“Our vision for the future is to provide a single entry point that empowers knowledge dominance, ensures synchronization of resources, and aggressively enables situational awareness and operational security throughout the DoD community,” said Noble, incoming project manager.

He said that by enabling greater knowledge sharing among Army communities, AKO fosters improved decision dominance by commanders and business stewards in the battlespace, organizations, and Army’s mission processes.

“Eventually, we envision even extending access to the portal to our critical mission partners,” he said.

Although users will not see a change in AKO functionality as a result of the change in charter, the new charter enables AKO to move forward in its mission to transform the Army and DoD into a network-centric, knowledge-based force.

AKO began as a communication project in the Pentagon’s General Officer Management Office in 1996 by then-Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis J. Reimer. At the time, Reimer used it to collaborate with other general officers by e-mail and online chat capability. The senior Army leadership liked the Reimer program.

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The U.S. Special Operations Command is at the forefront of our nation’s defense leading the Global War on Terrorism. Currently, U.S. Special Operations Command is looking for qualified acquisition and logistics personnel for duty at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla.

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logistics (346 series); and several others. All interested professionals are invited to apply for these acquisition positions *today*. **Note:** Secret clearance is the minimum required classification to work at USSOCOM, and most positions require higher clearances. Headquarters, United States Special Operations Command is located at—

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