



Mr. Ned J. LaViolette, Jr.

Director, Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City, Okla.

Retired Colonel Ned James LaViolette Jr., United States Air Force, assumed command of the Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City, Okla., in December 2009.

A native of Milwaukee, Wis., LaViolette was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1977 upon graduation of Park College, Kansas City, Mo. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management, as well as a Master of Arts in International Relations and Procurement Management from Webster University, St. Louis, Mo., and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

LaViolette's assignments include Materiel Support and Materiel Management Officer, 1606th Supply Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.; Chief of Materiel Support Section and Chief of Customer Support Branch, 24th Supply Squadron, Howard Air Force Base, Panama; Air Warning and Control Training Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Airborne Warning and Control System, or AWACS, Weapons Director, Senior Director and Instructor Senior Director, 964th Air Warning and Control Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Standardization/Evaluation Flight Examiner, Senior Director, Chief of Exercises and Mission Crew Commander, 961st Air Warning and Control Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan; AWACS Flight Commander and Academic Mission Crew Commander Instructor, 552d Tactical Training Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; AWACS Flight Commander, Mission Crew Commander Flight Instructor and Assistant Operations Officer, 966th Air Warning and Control Training Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Deputy Director of Tactical Air Control Operations, Chief of Operations Team and member of PACAF Airborne Command Element, 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan; Commander and Chief of Supply, 374th Supply Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan; Commander, Joint Task Force Full Accounting Detachment One and Detachment Four, U.S. Embassy Bangkok, Thailand and U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Deputy Chief, Wargaming and Experimentation, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon; Commander, 82d Logistics Group, 82d Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; and Chief, Joint Interoperability Division, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.

LaViolette has commanded an AWACS flight, a supply squadron, two Joint Task Force Full Accounting Detachments in Thailand and Cambodia, and a logistics group. He has accumulated more than 4,500 flying hours in the E-3 AWACS aircraft. From September 2005 until November 2007, before coming to Defense Logistics Agency, or DLA, he served as the E-3 AWACS Aircraft System Support Manager at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center.

From March 2008 until assuming his current position, he was the DLA Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, Air Force Team Program Management Officer, Headquarters DLA, Fort Belvoir, Va. There he led over a dozen integrated process teams in the transfer of retail supply, storage and distribution functions to include over 800 personnel and consolidation of over \$500 million of DLA-managed, Air Force-owned retail inventory at the three Air Logistics Centers as mandated by BRAC law.

LaViolette's military education includes Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Air Command and Staff College; Air War College; and the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with first oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.