



Cmdr. Mark J. Peace, Supply Corps, United States Navy

Commander, DLA Distribution Puget Sound, Wash.

Navy Supply Corps Cmdr. Mark J. Peace assumed command of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Puget Sound, Wash., Oct. 7. Previously, Peace served as force supply readiness officer at Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Peace enlisted in the Navy in 1993. He attended Yeoman "A" School and was assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron One Zero Six, Cecil Field, Fla. In 1997, after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Columbia College, Peace was selected for Officer Candidate School and designated a supply officer. After completing Navy Supply Corps School, he reported for sea duty aboard the Precommissioning Unit/USS Porter (DDG 78) as disbursing/sales officer. In 2000, he reported to USS Enterprise (CVN 65) as aviation stores/materials officer and completed a deployment to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In 2001, Peace was selected for the Navy's acquisition contracting officer internship program and assigned to the Defense Contracts Management Agency, Pittsburgh, Pa. After earning his Defense Acquisition Workforce Initiative professional certifications, he returned to sea as supply officer on USS Shiloh (CG 67) in 2004. First to surge deploy, USS Shiloh conducted a short-notice deployment to the Western Pacific in support of Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE. Peace's efforts on USS Shiloh earned him selection as a 2004 Vice Admiral Robert F. Batchelder award recipient, recognizing supply officers who have made significant personal contributions to the supply readiness of operating forces.

In 2006, Peace was assigned as deputy, Logistics Operations, Commander, Naval Forces Europe/Commander Sixth Fleet (CNE C6F). During his tour at CNE C6F, he held the position of J4, Task Force-A (Surface and Air) during JTF Lebanon and established the logistic template used for the maiden Africa Partnership Station deployment.

In 2007, he was assigned to the Navy War College where he earned a Master's of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and an off-duty Master of Arts degree in Management from National University. He was then assigned to Naval Supply Systems Command Weapon System Support, Philadelphia, Pa., as the director, Fixed Wing Contracts, where he became a member of the acquisition workforce. In the spring of 2009, he volunteered for seven months of Individual Augmentation duty to Djibouti, Combined Joint Task Force- Horn of Africa as a contingency contracting officer and was the contact lead for CJTF-HOA's top priority missions and exercises crossing 12 African countries. In June 2011, he was assigned as the lieutenant commander Operational/Shore/Overseas detailer – pit boss, Navy Supply Command, Officer of Personnel, detachment Millington, Tenn., where he was responsible for detailing assignments of all supply officers, lieutenant commander-level and below.

He is a qualified surface warfare supply corps officer, naval aviation supply officer, and acquisition corps officer. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Outstanding Military Volunteer Service Medal and various unit awards and campaign medals.