



Mr. John M. Pearson

Director, DLA Distribution Richmond, Va.

Retired United States Navy Supply Corps Cmdr. John M. Pearson was selected to become the director of DLA Distribution Richmond, Va. on June 18, 2010, after serving almost two years as its deputy commander.

Pearson is a native of Houston, Texas. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Baylor University, a Master of Business Administration from Hawaii Pacific University and a Master of Science from the Naval Postgraduate School. Upon obtaining his undergraduate degree and prior to joining the military, he worked for CONOCO's North American Production Department in Midland, Texas.

Commissioned through the Naval Reserve Direct Commission Officer Program in 1987, Pearson entered active duty in 1988 and attended the Navy Supply Corps School before reporting on board his first tour as the assistant supply officer of USS MCCLOY (FF-1038). An additional afloat tour included the USS PLATTE (AO-186) as supply officer. He participated in Operations Desert Storm and Provide Comfort on board the USS PLATTE and achieved his initial warfare qualification.

Pearson's shore tour assignments included petroleum intern at Fleet and Industrial Supply Center in Norfolk, Va.; petroleum plans officer at U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii; business financial manager for the F-14 "Tomcat" and later the E-2C "Hawkeye" program offices at Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River, Md.; assistant chief of the contracting division in the Bulk Fuels Commodity Business Unit at Defense Energy Support Center in Fort Belvoir, Va.; Commander, DLA Distribution Mapping (January 2004 until June 2007); and an assignment at DLA Aviation in Richmond, Va.

His functional specialties while in uniform included financial management, acquisition/contract management and petroleum management. In addition, he was a designated Joint Specialty Officer. Pearson is a member of the Defense Acquisition Professional Corps and earned his Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III Certifications in Contracting and Business, Cost Estimating, and Financial Management.