



**Kenneth D. Watson, SES
Deputy Commander, DLA Land and Maritime**

Kenneth D. Watson, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Deputy Commander of Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, located in Columbus, OH. In this capacity he is co-responsible for the logistics operations of over 2,500 joint military and civilian professionals at 37 locations worldwide to include three DLA Depot Level Repairable detachments, four detachments supporting U.S. Naval Shipyards and at deployed units. He is directly responsible for supply chain functions to include management of almost two million spare and repair parts. In 2020, DLA Land and Maritime's sales exceeded \$4 billion. He assumed his current post in October 2019.

Mr. Watson previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Materiel Readiness, serving as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, providing integration and oversight of the Department's annual \$90 billion maintenance program. In this capacity he developed policies and procedures for materiel readiness and maintenance support of major weapon systems and military equipment within the Department of Defense.

Mr. Watson also served as the Deputy Director, Strategy, Capabilities, Policy, and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command. During this assignment he deployed to Afghanistan as the Director of Sustainment under the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan. He has served in numerous Joint assignments, serving as the Deputy Chief of the Capabilities Division in the Directorate of Logistics (J4), the Joint Staff, also deploying to Iraq under the Office of Security Cooperation – Iraq. He is a 2011 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Leslie J. McNair in Washington, D.C. and graduate of the Defense Senior Leader Development Program 2010 cohort. On the Air Staff he was the Deputy to the Associate Director of Resource Integration assigned to the Directorate of Resource Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff/Logistics, Installation & Mission Support, Pentagon, Washington D.C. With the associate director, he was responsible for Air Force logistics, installations and mission support long-range planning, strategic support planning and associated policies.

Mr. Watson began his civil service career in 1989 as Palace Acquire Intern Inventory Management Specialist at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, California. His diverse experience includes Logistics Management for the F-117A and Commander in Chief Mobile Alternate Headquarters programs. He managed airborne electrical accessories for the Commodities Division at Sacramento Air Logistics Center. Watson served as a Logistics Plans specialist while assigned to HQ USAF on a Logistics Civilian Career Program career broadening position. He also performed logistics requirements analysis, Acquisition Program management, and was chief of the Strategic Planning Division, Plans and Programs Directorate, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Watson served for three years overseas as the deputy for Mission Support, 31st Mission Support Group at Aviano Air Base, Italy. He holds both baccalaureate and masters' degrees.

Current as of March 2021