



Defense Logistics Agency Distribution

Bahrain

Change of Command Ceremony

**Commander
John A. Olabode**
United States Navy



**Commander
Joshua G. Langhorne**
United States Navy



June 11, 2025

Change of Command

A Tradition



The change of command ceremony is a military tradition that is rich with symbolism and heritage dating back to medieval times. Soldiers often carried staffs or standards into battle that identified them as a unit.

Throughout military history, unit colors have marked the position of the commander on the battlefield. In more recent times, the colors represent not only the heritage and history of the unit, but also the unity and loyalty of all its members, both military and civilian.

The colors are the commander's symbol of authority, representing his responsibilities to the organization.

The passing of the colors represents the transfer of authority and responsibility for the mission and welfare of the organization from one commander to another.

The significance of the change of command ceremony goes back to the beginning of our nation's history and provides for the orderly transfer of organizational responsibility and accountability.

The passing of the colors is a symbolic act, through which the outgoing commander relinquishes authority to his superior, who in turn passes the authority on to the incoming commander.



Sequence of Events

Arrival of Official Party

*** Presentation of Colors**

NSA Bahrain Honor Guard

*** National Anthem**

*** Invocation**

Commander Devon Foster

Remarks

Army Colonel Michelle M. Agpalza
Commander, DLA CENTCOM & SOCOM

Presentation of Award

Remarks

Navy Commander John A. Olabode
DLA Distribution, Bahrain Commander

Reading of Orders

Change of Command

Remarks

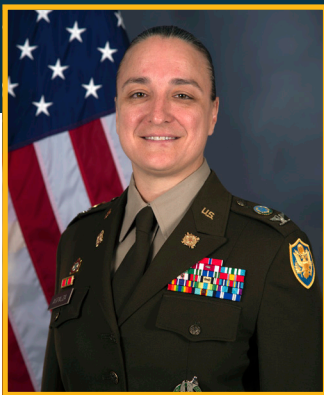
Navy Commander Joshua G. Langhorne
DLA Distribution, Bahrain Commander

*** Benediction**

*** Service Medley**

** Guests Please Stand*

***U.S. Army Colonel
Michelle M. Agpalza
Commander, DLA CENTCOM & SOCOM***



Army Col. Michelle Agpalza assumed the duties as commander of DLA CENTCOM & SOCOM in July 2023. Agpalza, a native of Kailua, Hawaii, graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in 1996, receiving her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Hawaii Army National Guard, where she served prior to transitioning to active-duty Army in 2001 as a Chemical Officer.

Agpalza's assignments include Brigade Chemical Officer, 31st Air Defense Artillery, Support Operations Officer, 31st ADA Brigade; Commander 518th Maintenance Company (DS), 1-1 ADA Battalion; Company Commander, Monterey Bay Recruiting Company, Sacramento Recruiting Battalion; Operations Officer, Army Field Support Battalion-Qatar, 401st Army Field Support Battalion, Doha, Qatar; Brigade Logistics Support Team Chief, Army Field Support Battalion-Bragg; Observer Coach/Trainer, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA; SHARP Program Manager and Ready and Resilient Director, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA; Executive Officer to the Commanding General, Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, IL; Battalion Commander, Army Field Support Battalion-Africa, 405th Army Field Support Brigade; Livorno, Italy; and Business Integration Branch Chief, Agency Synchronization Operations Center, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA.

Agpalza's civilian education includes an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, and two master's degrees, with the most recent in National Security Strategy and Resourcing from Eisenhower School, National Defense University. Her military education includes Chemical Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Officers Advance Course, Army Recruiting Company Commander Course, Support Operations Officer Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and Eisenhower School, National Defense University.

Agpalza's awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Army Meritorious Service Medal (one silver Oak Leaf Cluster); NATO Medal; the Army Commendation Medal (three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); the Army Achievement Medal; various campaign and service ribbons.

U. S. Navy Commander John A. Olabode, SC

DLA Distribution Bahrain Commander



Commander Olabode hails from Los Angeles, California. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering in 1999, enlisted in 2003 and was commissioned through the Officer Candidate School Program in 2006. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Scranton, PA; Master of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School, CA; and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University, DC. He is a graduate

of the Business Resource Management Program at the Darden School of Business Executive Program, University of Virginia.

Olabode's operational tours include Wardroom Officer and Disbursing Officer aboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan; Supply Officer aboard USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), Norfolk, VA, deployed in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf; Assistant Supply Officer and Principal Assistant Logistics aboard CVN 70, San Diego, CA. Additionally, he deployed on a Global War on Terrorism Assignment as a Joint Logistics Planner to Djibouti with the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa.

Ashore, he served as Carrier Obsolescence Manager with the Program Executive Office (PEO), Carrier and the DDG – 1000 Program Office of PEO Ships, as the Supply and Technical Data Lead at NAVSEA headquarters; Deputy Branch Chief, Metrics and Inventory Optimization, DLA Headquarters, responsible for developing and executing mathematical and statistical analyses related to joint logistics operations, weapons systems and DLA readiness, DLA management objectives, and major strategic initiatives in support of the National Military Strategy.

Currently, CDR Olabode is the Chief Staff Officer, OPNAV N83 Fleet Readiness Division, responsible for the validation of aviation, ship, submarine, and expeditionary requirements, including other CNO initiatives pertaining to Fleet Readiness

CDR Olabode's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and a number of units, campaign, and other personal awards. He is a qualified Naval Aviation Supply Officer and Surface Warfare Supply Officer; a member of the Acquisition Professional Corps and completed the Senior Acquisition Course.

U.S. Navy Commander

Joshua G. Langhorne

DLA Distribution, Bahrain, Inc. Commander



Commander Joshua Langhorne is currently the Code 430 Future Ops and Plans Officer aboard Fleet Logistics Center Yokosuka, Japan. He was originally from the Philippines and immigrated to the United States in 1992. He studied in Southern Polytechnic State University in Georgia where he received his Bachelor of Science in Business Management. He entered the Naval service in 2005 through the Officer Candidate School Program and attended the Supply Corps Basic Qualification Course in Athens, GA shortly thereafter. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the

Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey with a specialty in Supply Chain Management.

His afloat assignments include Disbursing Officer aboard USS DECATUR (DDG 73), Staff Supply Officer for Commander Seventh Fleet forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan aboard USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19), and as the precommissioning Supply Officer for the 10th San Antonio Class Amphibious Transport Ship USS JOHN P MURTHA (LPD 26) homeported in San Diego, California. His most recent afloat tour was a return aboard the Commander Seventh Fleet Staff as the Deputy N4 Assistant Chief of Staff for logistics, ordnance, and sustainment.

Ashore, his assignments include an internship in the Business Enterprise Management Program and as project manager and deputy for Ordnance Information Systems aboard NAVSUP Business Systems Center in Mechanicsburg, PA. He also served as the Replenishment Officer and Current Operations Officer in the N3 Directorate for Commander Logistics Forces/Commander Task Force 53 in the CENTCOM AOR, Bahrain. He detached from CTF 53 and reported to NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, San Diego as Director of the Logistics Support Team where he led over 130 personnel that provided round the clock operational logistics distance support to all Littoral Combat Ships and Zumwalt Class Destroyers in the Indo-Pacific Theater.

Commander Langhorne is designated as a Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer. His awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, and various campaign and unit awards. He is a fully qualified Department of the Navy Acquisition Professional Member with a Level II DAWIA certification in Program Management and Level I certification in Life Cycle Logistics while having earned 1302Q (Supply Chain Management) and 1309S (IT Logistics) subspecialties.

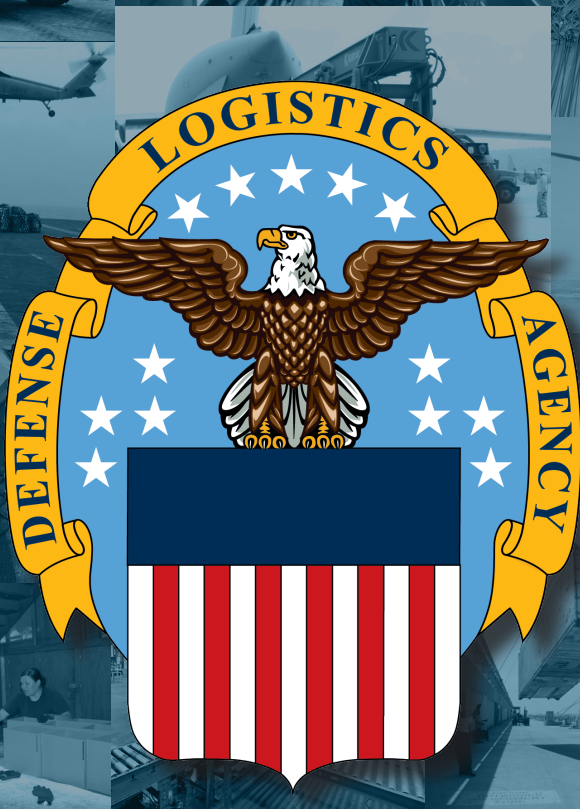
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