

# **Defense Logistics Agency Distribution**

Norfolk, Viginia

Change of Command Ceremony



& Retirement Ceremony in Honor of Captain Peter M. Braendeholm

June 5, 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
  United States Fleet Forces Command Color Guard
- \* National Anthem
  United States Fleet Forces Command Band
- \* Invocation
  Mr. Justano D. Newbold

#### Remarks

Navy Rear Admiral Michael A. York, SC DLA Distribution Commander

#### **Change of Command**

#### Remarks

Navy Captain Eric D. Lockett DLA Distribution, Norfolk, Virginia, Commander

#### **Retirement Ceremony**

#### Remarks

Navy Captain Peter M. Braendeholm, Retired

\* Benedition

Mr. Justano D. Newbold

\* Service Medley



#### U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Michael A. York, SC

**DLA Distribution Commander** 

Navy Rear Adm. Michael A. York is a native of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, and assumed command of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution on May 31, 2024.

York graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1996 earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering. He also attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California from June 2006 to July 2008, earning a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research. He is also a graduate of the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia and Wharton School of Business, University of

Pennsylvania Executive Education Programs.

Prior to this assignment he served as the Fleet Supply Readiness and Operations (N412) for U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia.

York's operational experience began with his assignment as Supply Officer, USS THACH (FFG 43) and, following a crew swap, as Supply Officer, USS GARY (FFG 51) both ships being forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. He served as Aviation Support Officer and Assistant Supply Officer, USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75) in Norfolk, Virginia. He later completed an Individual Augmentee assignment serving as Future Operations Planner on the headquarters staff of the USCENTCOM Contracting Command in Baghdad, Iraq. His last operational assignment was Supply Officer, USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75).

York's shore assignments include: Officer in Charge of laundry and dry-cleaning services at the U.S. Naval Academy; Navy Acquisition Contracting Officer intern and Aide to the Commander at Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Joint Acquisition Programs Officer in the Assessment Division (OPNAV N81), on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations; Strategic Communications Branch Chief and Speech Writer in the Joint Staff, Directorate for Logistics (J4); Supply Operations Team Lead and Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Aviation Operations Director (N98) at NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support (WSS) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and as Commanding Officer, Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) in Newport, Rhode Island.

He is qualified as both a Navy Aviation Supply Officer and Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer, is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community, and is a Joint Qualified Officer. He is also a recipient of the Navy League's Vice Admiral Robert F. Batchelder Award and was honored to be recognized along with his teammates as the Admiral Stan Arthur Logistics Team of the Year for 2004 while assigned to USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75).

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and various unit awards, campaign medals and ribbons.



#### U. S. Navy Captain Peter M. Braendeholm

DLA Distribution Norfolk, Virginia, Commander

Captain Peter Braendeholm is originally from the Republic of Korea. Braendeholm and his younger brother were adopted in Los Angeles, California. Three years later, his family moved to Surrey, England which has been his hometown. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics. He earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon University. He also completed Executive Education Programs from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford University and the Kenan-Flagler Business School,

University of North Carolina.

His first afloat assignment was on USS George Washington in Norfolk, Virginia, during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Southern Watch, and Operation Noble Eagle. He served as the Supply Officer, USS Pearl Harbor, San Diego, California, during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and various exercises in the Fifth and Seventh Fleet. From 2018 to 2020, he served as the Supply Officer, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter modifications and completion of all certifications. During this time, the Supply Department received the Best in Class Logistics Readiness Excellence Award (LREA and the Supply Management Excellence "Blue E" Award.

His ashore assignments include Business Analyst and Management Control Officer, Navy Region Southwest, San Diego; Regional Logistics Officer and Comptroller, U.S. Naval Forces Korea, Seoul, Republic of Korea; Director of Business Department and Director of Installation Support Department, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Overseas Contingency Operations Officer and Deputy Budget Officer, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Deputy Business Financial Manager for Naval Air Traffic Management Systems Program (PMA213 at Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River, Maryland; Military Director, Program & Business Analysis, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards, the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various campaign and unit awards. He is a qualified Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer, Naval Aviation Supply Officer, member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, Certified Defense Financial Manager with Acquisition Specialty, and has completed the Defense Acquisition Certification Advanced Level (III & IV, DoD Financial Management Certification Level III, and Joint Professional Military Education Phase I.



#### U.S. Navy Captain Eric D. Lockett

DLA Distribution Norfolk, Virginia, Inc. Commander

Navy Capt. Eric D. Lockett served as the Force Management Comptroller at Navy Personnel Command, Millington, TN. He led a financial management team of 60 military and civilian personnel in the execution of a \$1 billion budget across all appropriations for NPC and BUPERS Millington. Additionally, he and his team collaborated with the Chief of Naval Personnel, Budget Submission Office on fiscal matters for the enterprise.

Lockett is a native of Rockford, IL. In June 1991, he enlisted as an Aviation Electronics Technician. After earning a

Business and Finance degree from National University in San Diego, he received his commission via OCS. He later earned his MBA in Supply Chain Management at the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey. Most recently, he attended the University of Chicago Booth, Executive Education Program on High Performance Leadership.

Lockett has served in a variety of sea and shore duty assignments. His operational assignments began at North Island as an SH-60B Technician. Once commissioned, he served as a Division Officer onboard the USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7, the Supply Officer of USS MASON (DDG 87, the Lead DLA Energy LNO at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan; and the Assistant Supply Officer onboard the USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75.

Ashore, he served as the Director of Supply Training at Fleet Training Center Norfolk; a Petroleum Management Intern at Fleet Logistics Center, Yokosuka Japan; the Director of Supplier Operations at DLA Energy Europe and Africa Region, Germany; and the Executive Officer of Navy Customer Operations at DLA Aviation Richmond. Most recently, he commanded DLA Energy Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Lockett's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards and various other decorations. He is Defense Acquisition certified for Life Cycle Logistics (Level III, certified Defense Financial Management (Level III and a qualified Defense Joint Service Officer.

### Defense Logistics Agency, Distribution Norfolk, Virginia

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