



# Defense Logistics Agency Distribution

*Puget Sound, Washington*

## *Change of Command Ceremony*

**Commander  
Marcus M. Craig**  
*United States Navy*



**Commander  
James R. Marsh**  
*United States Navy*



*& Retirement Ceremony in Honor of  
Commander Marcus M. Craig*

**August 28, 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**

Trident Refit Facility Color Guard

### **\* National Anthem**

Navy Band Northwest

### **\* Invocation**

Navy Lieutenant Commander Kyu Lee

### **Remarks**

Army Brigadier General Kevin L. Cotman  
DLA Distribution Commanding General

## **Change of Command**

### **Remarks**

Navy Commander James R. Marsh  
DLA Distribution, Puget Sound Washington, Commander

## **Retirement Ceremony**

### **Remarks**

Navy Rear Admiral Michael A. York  
NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Commander

## **Old Glory and Passing of the Flag**

Navy Commander Nathan Woodward

### **Remarks**

Navy Commander Marcus M. Craig, Retired

## **The Watch**

Navy Commander Nathan Woodward

## **Benediction**

Navy Lieutenant Commander Kyu Lee

### **\* Service Medley**

### **\* Piping Ashore**

**\* Guests Please Stand**

## *U.S. Army Brigadier General Kevin L. Cotman*

### *DLA Distribution Commanding General*



Brigadier General Kevin L. Cotman was born and raised in Hampton, Virginia. He was commissioned in the Quartermaster Corps through the United States Military Academy in 1994. He assumed command of DLA Distribution on July 22, 2025.

His first duty assignment was to the 24th Corps Support Group, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, where he served as Executive Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 260th Quartermaster Battalion,

Platoon Leader and then Executive Officer, 110th Quartermaster Company and Battalion S-1, 260th Quartermaster Battalion.

Cotman later served as the Petroleum Officer for 8th United States Army, Yongsan Garrison, Republic of Korea. Next, he was assigned to Fort Lee, Virginia, where he served as a Petroleum and Water Instructor and later commanded the 16th Quartermaster Company, 49th Quartermaster Group. After command, he completed Training with Industry with the ExxonMobil Corporation. He then served in the 2d Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea, as the Division Support Command Materiel Management Officer.

Following reassignment to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Cotman was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. He initially served as the Battalion Operations Officer, 307th Forward Support Battalion. He was then assigned to the 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division as the Support Operations Officer. He later returned to the 307th Forward Support Battalion and deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom as the Materiel Management Officer. In the newly transformed, 307th Brigade Support Battalion, he served as Battalion Operations Officer, concluding his duty as the Battalion Executive Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was then assigned as the Executive Officer to the Vice Director of the Army Staff and later served in the Joint Staff J-4 Logistics Directorate. Next, he commanded the 82nd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. After completing battalion command, he served as the Senior Sustainment Observer, Coach, Trainer at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana. He then returned to the Republic of Korea where he served as the Chief, Plans and Exercise Division, United States Forces Korea J4. He then assumed command of Defense Logistics Agency Energy Americas, Houston, Texas. After command, he served as the Force Development-Logistics Division Chief, HQDA G-8. Prior to his arrival at JBLM, BG Cotman was the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4.

Cotman holds a Master's Degrees in Business Administration from Webster University and National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School, National Defense University.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Senior Parachutist Badge, Combat Action Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and Army Staff Identification Badge.



## ***U. S. Navy Commander Marcus M. Craig***

***DLA Distribution Puget Sound, Washington, Commander***

Marcus Marvin Craig is a native of Muskogee, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Muskogee High School and the Naval Academy Preparatory School. He received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in 2004 and holds a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Petroleum Management from the University of Kansas School of Business.

Cmdr. Craig took command of DLA Distribution Puget Sound, Washington, on June 29, 2023. DLA Distribution Puget Sound, Washington, is primarily responsible

for providing Storage and Distribution support to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Intermediate Maintenance Facility, the Trident Refit Facility, the surface and submarine fleet, and other federal agencies in the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S.

Operationally, Cmdr. Craig served as Supply Officer onboard USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71), and the Aviation Support Division and Ship's Sales Division Officer onboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74). During his tours, he participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, RIMPAC, and conducted independent 7th Fleet Maritime Presence.

Ashore, he served as the Joint Logistics Operational Center Chief in the J-4 Directorate in U.S. Africa Command providing full spectrum logistics support to maintain operations and key strategic partnerships within the AFRICOM area of responsibility. He also served as Assistant to the Director of Supply Corps Detailing at the Office of Supply Corps Personnel (PERS-4412), and as the Aviation Support Equipment Integrated Weapons System Team Director (N9822) at Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Weapon Systems Support Philadelphia. CDR Craig also was assigned to NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Site Diego Garcia where he served as the Fuels Officer for bulk fuel products and Assistant Supply Officer for Naval Support Activity Diego Garcia. Additionally, he served as Force Supply Continuous Process Improvement Officer, the Assistant Naval Air Station Officer for Policy and Inspections, and the Facilities Manager at Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific. While assigned to University of Kansas, he worked as a supply chain analyst intern at the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation's Logistics Center.

Cmdr. Craig is a qualified Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer and Naval Aviation Supply Officer and has earned Level 3 Life Cycle Logistics and Acquisition Professional Membership. Additionally, he has earned the Meritorious Defense Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal along with various other unit and personal awards.



## ***U.S. Navy Commander***

### ***James R. Marsh***

***DLA Distribution Puget Sound, Washington, Inc. Commander***



Commander James Marsh, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, received a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Louisiana State University. He was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy through Officer Candidate School in July 2005. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business and a Master in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

His afloat assignments include Food Service Officer and Disbursing Officer on USS Lake Erie (CG 70), Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and Supply Officer on USS Taylor (FFG 50), Mayport, Florida.

His shore assignments include Supply Officer, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Sicily, Sigonella, Italy; Budget Manager for the Nuclear Modernization and Support, New Construction Submarine and Aircraft Carrier, and Reactor Power Units programs, Naval Reactors, District of Columbia; Current Operations Officer and Logistics Planner at US European Command (USEUCOM) J4, Stuttgart, Germany; Audit Program Manager for Ordnance, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) N4L1, Arlington, Virginia; Chief of Logistics Plans and Operations, Joint Task Force National Capitol Region (JTF-NCR), District of Columbia.

He is designated as a Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal. He is a Joint Qualified Officer, Certified Defense Financial Manager, and a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps.v



## ***U.S. Navy Rear Admiral***

***Michael A. York, SC***

***Commander, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support***

Rear Admiral Michael York is a native of Hawaii and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1996 earning a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering. York also attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, from June 2006 to July 2008, earning a master's in Operations Research. He is a graduate from the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, and Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania Executive Education Programs. He

assumed command on NAVSUP WSS on June 9, 2025.

His operational experience includes supply officer, USS Thach (FFG 43) and, following a crew swap, supply officer, USS Gary (FFG 51), with both ships forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. He was also aviation support officer and assistant supply officer, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), based in Norfolk, Virginia. He later completed an individual augmentee assignment serving as future operations planner on the headquarters staff of U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq. His last operational assignment was supply officer, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).

Previous shore assignments include officer in charge of laundry and dry-cleaning services, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; Navy acquisition contracting officer intern and aide to the Commander, Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia, PA; joint acquisition programs officer, assessment division (N81), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, DC; strategic communications branch chief, directorate for logistics (J4), Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC; supply operations team lead and executive assistant to the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP), Mechanicsburg, PA; aviation operations director (N98), NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Philadelphia, PA; commanding officer, Navy Supply Corps School, Newport, RI; director, Fleet Supply Readiness and Operations, N412, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, VA; and Commander, Defense Logistics Agency - Distribution.

He is a qualified Naval Aviation Supply Corps Officer and Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer. He is also a member of the Navy Acquisition Professional Community and designated as a Joint Qualified Officer. He is 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.



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