



Defense Logistics Agency Distribution

Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania

Change of Command Ceremony

**Lieutenant Colonel
Allen J. Luna**
United States Army



**Lieutenant Colonel
Andrew T. Thomas**
United States Army



May 15, 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**

Tobyhanna Army Depot Color Guard

*** National Anthem**

*** Invocation**

Retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Claude Walraven

Remarks

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

Army Lieutenant Colonel Allen J. Luna
DLA Distribution, Tobyhanna Pennsylvania Commander

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Remarks

Army Lieutenant Colonel Andrew T. Thomas
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*** Service Medley**

*** Guests Please Stand**

***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. Army Lieutenant Colonel Allen J. Luna

DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, Commander



Army Lt. Col. Allen J. Luna is a native of Roy, Washington, and enlisted in the Army Reserve as an automated logistics specialist in October 2000. He would receive his commission from the University of Washington's Army ROTC program in May 2004. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science and was commissioned in the Regular Army as a Quartermaster officer. In 2015, he earned his master's in business administration from Strayer University. His military education includes the Quartermaster Officer

Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course and the Command and General Staff Officer Course.

His assignments include distribution platoon leader Echo Company, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Cavazos, Texas, from 2005 - 2007; support operations plans officer, 404th Aviation Support Battalion, 4th CAB, 4th ID at Fort Cavazos, Texas, from 2008 - 2009. He deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He later served a tour in South Korea in the 194th Combat Service Support Battalion, 501st Sustainment Brigade as the Battalion sustainment planner and the Headquarters company commander from 2009 - 2013. He served as the aide de camp for Army Brig. Gen. Shapiro while assigned to Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 2013 - 2014. He would later work in the Clothing and Textile division as a customer operations specialist until 2015. He worked in the Army Pacific G4 at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, as an operations officer. He then completed his key developmental assignment as the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team S4, 25th ID, and then served as the battalion executive officer for the Specials Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command. He would be assigned as the battalion executive officer at the 1-315th Brigade Support Battalion, 174th Infantry Brigade, 1st Army Division East at Fort Dix, New Jersey, from 2019 - 2021. He served another tour in South Korea to work as the plans, operations and exercise chief at 8th Army G4 in Camp Humphreys, South Korea. His most recent assignment was the brigade executive officer at Materiel Support Command- Korea at Camp Carroll, South Korea, from 2022 - 2023.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters and Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel

Andrew T. Thomas

DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, Inc. Commander



Army Lt. Col. Andrew T. Thomas is a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, and commissioned from Reserve Officers' Training Corps in 2007. He received a Bachelor of Science in natural sciences from the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 2007 and a Master of Science in business from the University of Kansas in 2018.

Following Ordinance Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as the Maintenance Control Officer, Company Executive Officer and the

Battalion Logistics Officer. He was then assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he commanded 536th Support Maintenance Company and served as the 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Operations Officer. He later served in 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command as an Operations Officer in the Distribution Integration Branch. As a field grade officer, Thomas was assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade in Camp Casey, Korea, where he served as the 70th Brigade Support Battalion Support Operations Officer and Executive Officer. He then served in two broadening assignments as an Observer Coach/Trainer at Mission Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and as a Future Operations Planner/Logistics Chief of Exercises in U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa, Vicenza, Italy.

He has three operational deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Thomas' military education includes Ordinance Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Command and General Staff College, Theater Sustainment Planners Course, Support Operations Course, Lean-6 Sigma Green Belt, and Defense Support to Civil Authorities Phase II.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6th award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (6th award) and NATO Medal. He has earned the Parachutist Badge.

Defense Logistics Agency, Distribution Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania



DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, located at Tobyhanna Army Depot, supports the massive Department of Defense communications/electronics industry by providing both retail and wholesale distribution support.

From the National Command Authority to the soldier in the field, these systems are utilized by virtually every unit in the force structure and impact every aspect of the modern battlefield. The distribution center supports the entire communications/electronics materiel spectrum for these systems.

DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, receives, stores and issues systems ranging from communications; command, control and computers; and intelligence/electronic warfare to satellite communications systems in its Wholesale Distribution Operations Division. The organization is noted for handling special electronics operations such as the Electro-Static Discharge Control Program where sensitive parts receive component protection through proper handling, packaging, marking

and storage procedures. The Retail Distribution Operations Division performs supply, storage, material movement and distribution responsibilities in direct support of the various workloads at Tobyhanna Army Depot, including HAZMAT.

Additionally, the organization is responsible to plan, program, manage, and accomplish receipt, storage, inventory, preservation/packing/marking, and worldwide distribution for all the branches of services to include Army major-end-items such as wheeled and tracked vehicles, repair parts, and secondary items such as engines, transmissions, generators, and heaters. Retail and wholesale warehouse facilities provide for general purpose, heated, radiological, industrial gasses, and bulk stock storage and contain satellite terminals, radio and radar systems, telephones and switchboards, anti-intrusion devices, airborne surveillance equipment and navigational instruments, electronic warfare, and many other types of unique and specialized systems.





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