



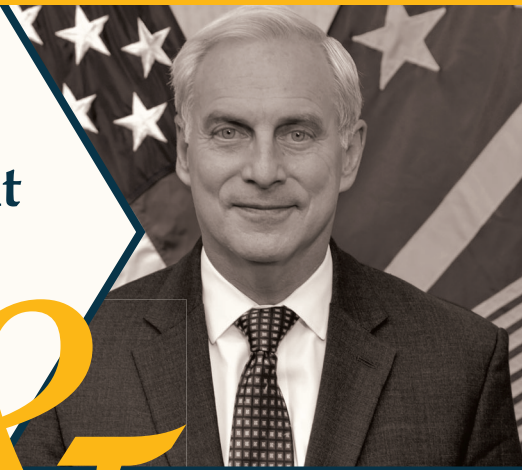
Defense Logistics Agency Distribution

New Cumberland, Pennsylvania

Assumption of Command Ceremony

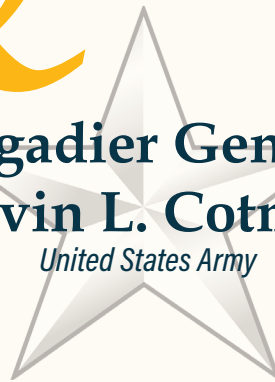
Mr. Perry L. Knight

Senior Executive Service



**Brigadier General
Kevin L. Cotman**

United States Army



July 22, 2025

Welcome to DLA Distribution



Sequence of Events

Arrival of Official Party

*** Presentation of Colors**

*** National Anthem**

*** Invocation**

Army Chaplain (Col.) Thomas Brooks
Defense Logistics Agency Command Chaplain

Remarks

Army Lieutenant General Mark T. Simerly
Defense Logistics Agency Director

Assumption of Command

Remarks

Army Brigadier General Kevin L. Cotman
DLA Distribution Commander

*** Service Medley**

* Guests Please Stand



U.S. Army Lieutenant General Mark T. Simerly

Director, Defense Logistics Agency

Lieutenant General Mark T. Simerly was commissioned as a lieutenant of Air Defense Artillery and awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Richmond. LTG Simerly holds a Master's of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University and a Master's of Military Arts and Sciences Degree from the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

His command assignments include Commanding General for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOC) and the Sustainment Center of Excellence (SCOE) from July 2021 to December 2023; Commanding General, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Daegu, South Korea from July 2019 to June 2020; Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 2017 to June 2019; Commander, 4th Sustainment Brigade, Ft. Cavazos, Texas from January 2012 to August 2013; Commander, 704th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Cavazos, Texas, when the unit re-flagged as the 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and deployed to Tallil, Iraq from June 2008 to June 2009; Commander, Bravo Company, 801st Main Support Battalion, Division Support Command, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Ft. Campbell, Kentucky from December 1996 to May 1999.

Lieutenant General Simerly's key staff assignments include Director of United States Forces Korea J4 at Camp Humphreys, South Korea; Director of Combined Arms Support Command Capabilities Development and Integration at Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia from August 2015 to June 2017; III Corps Assistant Chief of Staff, G4, at Ft. Cavazos, Texas from February 2014 to July 2015; United States Forces- Afghanistan Director of Logistics, J4, Kabul, Afghanistan from August 2013 to February 2014; Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, U.S. Army Operational Test Command from July 2011 to January 2012; Senior Combat Service Support Observer Controller, Joint Readiness Training Center, Ft. Johnson, Louisiana, from September 2009 to July 2011.

His military education includes the Air Defense Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Officer's Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and the Army Force Management School.

Lieutenant General Simerly's awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, 2nd Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NATO-ISAF (Afghanistan) and the Army Meritorious Unit Award.



Senior Executive Service

Mr. Perry L. Knight

DLA Distribution, Deputy Commander

Knight, who has held the position of chief of staff, both in uniform and as a civilian since July 2006, served as acting deputy commander from January 2020 to December 2020, where he was officially appointed as Deputy Director, Defense Logistics Agency Distribution.

A native of Buena Vista, Virginia, Knight was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army upon graduation from the Virginia Military Institute in 1982. He holds a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in economics.

He also holds a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Knight's assignments include the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon; Director, Logistics Operations, U.S. Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia; multiple commanding officer positions in Germany and Georgia; and brigade operations officer, Rotterdam, Netherlands. Additionally, he served in numerous positions in the 1st Infantry Division including division logistics officer; Combat Support Battalion executive officer; division transportation officer; support operations officer; and Aviation Brigade operations officer, all located at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Knight also served on the Department of the Army Staff, the Pentagon; aide-de-camp and held numerous positions in the Netherlands, Germany and Iraq. His military training includes the Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. Knight's personal military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

His civilian awards include the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, DLA Outstanding Leader of the Year, DLA Superior Civilian Service Award and DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award. His other decorations include the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwaiti (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait) Liberation Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Support Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award and the National Defense Service Medal. He is also authorized to wear the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Department of the Army Identification Badges. Knight is DLA Distribution's sixth deputy commander.



Brigadier General

Kevin L. Cotman

DLA Distribution, Incoming Commander

Brigadier General Kevin L. Cotman was born and raised in Hampton, Va. He was commissioned in the Quartermaster Corps through the United States Military Academy in 1994.

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.

Defense Logistics Agency, Distribution

Headquarters, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania

DLA Distribution is the Department of Defense's joint storage and distribution provider, providing support to America's military and other federal agencies with just over 8,000 civilian, military, reserve and contracted employees. Located in eight countries, 20 states and territories and all Combatant Commands, it delivers best-value supply chain solutions. DLA Distribution receives, stores, issues and distributes material critical to enable Warfighter readiness and lethality. DLA Distribution's tailored logistics support packages allow flexibility and cost-effective options aimed at exceeding performance standards while maintaining audit readiness.

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- 445 Buildings, 36.8 million gross sq. ft.
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 - 110 Military
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 - 20 States
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