



# Defense Logistics Agency Distribution

*Red River, Texas*

## *Change of Command Ceremony*

**Lieutenant Colonel  
Joseph J. Lee**  
*United States Army*



**Lieutenant Colonel  
Caleb S. Conant**  
*United States Army*



*& Retirement Ceremony in Honor of  
Lieutenant Colonel Joseph J. Lee*

**April 16th, 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**

Texarkana U.S. Army Recruiting Station

Led by Army Sergeant First Class Sandra T. Khounvichai

### **\* National Anthem**

### **\* Invocation**

Mr. Joshua Shavers

## **Remarks**

Navy Rear Admiral Michael A. York, SC

DLA Distribution Commander

## **Change of Command**

## **Remarks**

Army Lieutenant Colonel Caleb S. Conant

DLA Distribution, Red River Texas, Commander

## **Retirement Ceremony**

## **Remarks**

Army Lieutenant Colonel Joseph J. Lee, Retired

### **\* 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. Army Lieutenant Colonel Joseph J. Lee DLA Distribution Red River, Tx, Commander***

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph J. Lee assumed command of DLA Distribution Red River, Texas, on June 14 2023. In this role, he oversees DLA Distribution's third largest distribution center with over 10 billion dollars in assets and over 11,000 major end items spanning over 16,000 square acres.

Lt. Col. Lee hails from Prince George, Virginia, where he graduated from Virginia State University after earning his commission through ROTC in 2005.

He later earned his Master of Science degree in Logistics Management with a concentration in Disaster Relief Logistics from the Florida Institute of Technology. Lt. Col. Lee has served in a variety of positions from tactical to operational assignments throughout heavy, light and special operations formations, supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and Europe.

Prior to DLA, Lt. Col. Lee spent the previous seven years supporting Special Operations throughout the world and most recently as the Logistics Operations Chief for Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR). Prior to that assignment, he served as XO to the SOCEUR CG and the HQ's Commander. As part of his key developmental assignments, he served as the Operations Officer for the 528th Special Operations Sustainment Brigade, responsible for the integration of signal, medical, intelligence and logistics support for Army Special Operations. Additionally, he served in the 1st Infantry Division as a Brigade Logistics Officer, where he supported an Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) through multiple command post exercises to Africa and subsequently as the Executive Officer (XO) for the 701st Brigade Support Battalion. At the company grade level, he commanded a forward support company in the 82nd Airborne Division, deployed to Southern Afghanistan and served as platoon leader and shop officer in the 3rd Infantry Division deployed to Iraq.

Lt. Col. Lee's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf cluster, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, multiple Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals, the Operation Resolute Support Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Senior Parachutists Badge and various other awards.

His military education includes the Basic Officer Course, the Captains Career Course, the Calvary Leaders Course, the Command and General Staff College, Jumpmaster School, the Theater Logistics Course (TLOG) and the Joint and Combined Warfighter Course.



## **U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel**

**Caleb S. Conant**

**DLA Distribution Red River, Tx, Inc. Commander**

Lieutenant Colonel Caleb S. Conant is a native of Rock Hill, South Carolina. Caleb graduated from The Citadel in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science and obtained a Master of Arts in Transportation and Logistics Management in 2016. He also attended the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas from 2017-2018. Additionally, he attended the Joint and Combined Warfighting School at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia, where he completed his qualifications to become a Joint Qualified Officer.

Prior to this assignment, he served as an Observer, Coach, and Trainer at the Army's Mission Command Training Program from 2023 to 2025.

Lt. Col. Conant's operational experience began as a distribution platoon leader, maintenance platoon Leader, and Executive Officer for Fox Trot Forward Support Company, 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment (Light) Fort Johnson, Louisiana, from 2008 to 2011, where he had two combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. After completing the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course in 2012, he served as the Operations and Logistics Officer, 690th Rapid Port Opening Element, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Fort Eustis, Virginia, from 2012 to 2014. Lt. Col. Conant served as the Company Commander of the 567th Inland Cargo Transfer Company, 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary), Fort Eustis, Virginia, from 2014-2016. After completing his company command time, he served as an Observer, Coach, and Trainer, 1st Army Division West, 1st Battalion, 393rd Infantry Regiment, Fort Cavazos, Texas, until becoming a student at the Army's Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. From 2017-2018. After graduating, Lt. Col. Conant served as the Regimental Logistics Officer and Regimental Support Operations Officer for the 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Stryker), Vilseck, Germany. After his tour in Germany, Lt. Col. Conant moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as a Joint Sustainment Planner as part of the US Transportation Command's Joint Enabling Capabilities Command.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (six awards), and the Army Achievement Medal (four awards), as well as various unit awards, campaign medals, and ribbons. He is also a recipient of the Military Order of Saint Christopher.



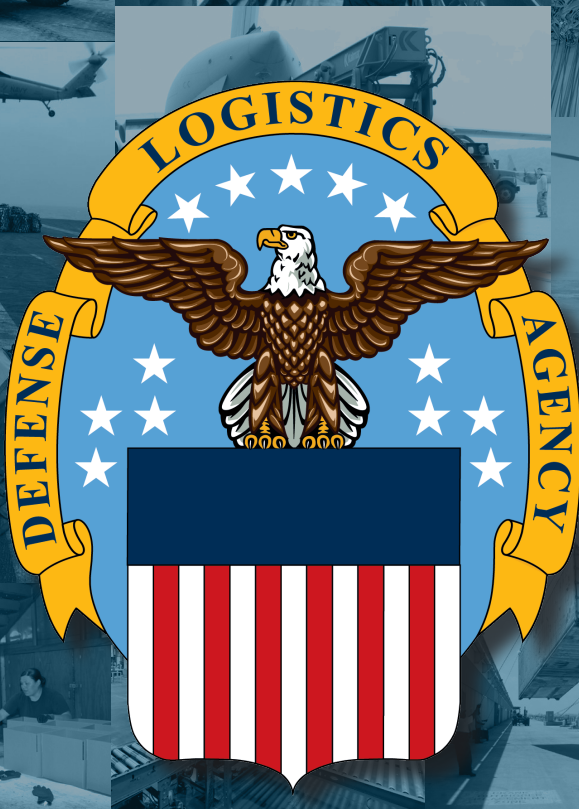
DLA Distribution Red River, Texas', primary mission is to provide distribution services and tailored logistics solutions of the highest quality, on time and at the best value to the warfighter and other customers. The distribution center provides distribution support for repair parts and secondary items for tracked and wheeled vehicles, aircraft and major weapon systems.

DLA Distribution Red River, Texas, also has a large major end item distribution mission. The U.S. Army has designated DLA Distribution Red River, Texas, as the storage site for its Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems, Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems and the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles. In support of these systems, the distribution center builds and maintains a supply of basic issue items and components that accompany wheeled and tracked vehicles shipped to units in the field. The distribution center is also the primary distribution point for the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System. This system links communications in a network between wheeled vehicles, tracked vehicles, helicopters, and soldiers on foot.

When weapon systems, vehicles, or aircraft are delivered to military service units, those units also get support packages assembled by distribution center employees. Tailored logistics support for these weapon systems involves spare parts, tools, technical publications or manuals and diagnostic equipment needed to keep a particular item up and running until full operational support systems are in place. The distribution center tailors this support to specific customer requirements. In addition, the distribution center provides rebuilt roadwheels and track and complete wheel assemblies for many of the vehicles being used by the various military services.

## **DLA Distribution Red River, Texas, Quick Facts**

- 495 employees
- Unique mission sets include retail, Foreign Military Sales and designated as the wheel assembly center of excellence.
- Primary customers include Red River Army Depot, Fort Cavazos, Fort Bliss, Fort Stewart and Anniston Army Depot.
- Stores over 47, 000 National Stock Numbers totaling over \$7.5 billion.



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