



**Samuel F. Payne Jr.**  
**Colonel, U.S. Air Force**  
**Chief of Staff, DLA Land and Maritime**



Colonel Samuel Payne is Chief of Staff at the Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime located in Columbus, Ohio. He serves as a principal advisor to the Commander and Deputy Commander on operations and readiness matters. In this role, he helps lead 2,500 joint military and civilian professionals in delivering repair parts to all military services at 29 worldwide locations to include four DLA Depot Level Repairable detachments, four detachments supporting U.S. Naval Shipyards and at deployed units. DLA Land and Maritime's core functions include purchasing materiel, monitoring inventory levels, maintaining technical data and assuring quality conformance of approximately two million spare and repair parts used by more than 19,000 military units and federal and civilian agencies. In 2019, DLA Land and Maritime's sales exceeded \$4.1 billion.

He has served in logistics and strategic plans and policy roles at the Wing, Headquarters Air Force, Combined and Combatant Command levels. His career includes three Logistics Squadron commands, competitive selection to the Air Force Logistics Career Broadening Program, and multiple Headquarters Air Staff positions. He has deployed assignments with the Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command, Afghanistan and United States European Command, Germany, along with two remote assignments to the Republic of Korea. Prior to assuming his current position, he supported the Department of the Air Force's Global Force Management efforts on the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations staff.

Colonel Payne was born in Columbus, Ohio, and received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado. His military education includes Squadron Officer School, Program Management Level I Certification, Acquisitions Logistics Level II Certification, Advanced Logistics Readiness Officer Course, Air Force Strategic Policy Fellowship, and Air War College. Colonel Payne holds a Master of Business Administration in Logistics Management from Touro University International, California.

His military decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two service stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, and the Article 5 NATO Medal – Active Endeavor.

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