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INTRODUCTION

This compilation, prepared by the Office of the Secretary of Defense Historical Office, presents information about senior leaders, the positions they held, and the organization of the Department of Defense (DoD) since unification of the United States armed forces in 1947. It does not purport to be comprehensive. “Key officials” is not official terminology, nor is this a top-down listing of officials in order of precedence or reporting authority. It lists both presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed (PAS) officials as well as certain non-PAS officials. It includes civilian officials in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the military departments as well as the top leadership of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), the combatant commands, and DoD agencies and field activities.

This compilation includes titles of some official positions that have been superseded by new titles or organizational changes. The text indicates all instances where this has occurred. Where an official position has a direct lineal predecessor with a similar scope of functions, the prior position is either included with the current position or the text indicates where the prior position can be found elsewhere in the publication.

In most entries the effective date of incumbency is either the swearing-in date or initial appointment date. Officials assume office after being appointed to the positions, usually followed by a ceremonial swearing in days or weeks later. Dates of DoD directives establishing the responsibilities of positions and prescribing functions may appear months or sometimes years later.

Offices are sometimes without a permanent appointee for periods ranging from days to years. During many of these periods, other officials, most often a deputy or first assistant, serve in an “acting” or a “performing the duties of” capacity, and are listed as such in this publication. Chronological gaps in listings of officials may be due to a vacancy or may be due to a lack of records on the appointment of a temporary officeholder.

Since the enactment of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, as amended, designation of acting officials and the statutory limitations on how long they are authorized to use the designation of acting are more closely managed. According to the act, a deputy or first assistant, or other senior agency employee designated by the President, may temporarily perform the functions and duties of a PAS official in an acting capacity for no more than 210 days. If the Senate returns or rejects the President’s nominee for a vacancy, or if the President withdraws the nominee from consideration, the period of performance for the official serving in an acting capacity begins anew. A PAS official serving simultaneously in an acting capacity for a position for which they were not confirmed will be listed in this publication under both their Senate-confirmed position and the acting, nonconfirmed position.

When a first assistant or other executive office is vacant, or when a first assistant or deputy temporarily steps away from a position to serve in an acting capacity in another position, the vacancy may be handled by a PAS official or senior agency employee “performing the duties of” the position. Such an employee may be delegated nonstatutory duties and functions of the position and does not face a time constraint on how long they may perform such duties.

This edition corrects errors that appeared in earlier editions and brings the information up to date (as of December 2020). Please call any errors that appear in this publication to the attention of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Historical Office. Updates to this compilation are available at history.defense.gov.

I. CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE KEY OFFICIALS

Last updated on December 1, 2020. Not in order of succession or precedence.

Secretary of Defense Christopher C. Miller (Acting)

Deputy Secretary of Defense David L. Norquist

Chief Management Officer Lisa W. Hershman

Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy

Secretary of the Navy Kenneth J. Braithwaite

Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett

Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) Michael Kratsios (Acting)

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) Mark Lewis (Acting)

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment) Lucian L. Niemeyer

Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment) Ellen M. Lord

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment) Alan R. Shaffer

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) Kevin M. Fahey

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment) William Jordan Gillis

Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs) Alan R. Shaffer (Performing the Duties Of)

Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) Anthony J. Tata (Performing the Duties Of)

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) Thomas Williams (Performing the Duties Of)

Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Indo-Pacific Security Affairs) David Helvey (Performing the Duties Of)

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security) Kenneth Rapuano

Assistant Secretary of Defense
(International Security Affairs) Michael Cutrone (Performing the Duties Of)

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities) Victorino Mercado

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Space Policy) Justin Johnson (Performing the Duties Of)

Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/CFO) Thomas W. Harker (Performing the Duties Of)

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/CFO) *Vacant*

Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Matthew P. Donovan

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
(Personnel and Readiness) William G. Bushman (Performing the Duties Of)

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). Thomas P. McCaffery

Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Virginia Penrod (Performing the Duties Of)

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness) Thomas A. Constable (Acting)

Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence and Security) Ezra Cohen-Watnick (Acting)

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
(Intelligence and Security) Ralph Cacci (Performing the Duties Of)

Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation Joseph Nogueira (Acting)

General Counsel Paul C. Ney Jr.

Inspector General Sean P. O'Donnell (Acting)

Director of Net Assessment James H. Baker

Director of Operational Test and Evaluation Robert F. Behler

Chief Information Officer Dana Deasy

Director of Administration Thomas Muir (Acting)

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) Ann T. Johnson (Acting)

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) Jonathan Hoffman

Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict) Ezra Cohen-Watnick (Acting)

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley, USA

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General John E. Hyten, USAF

Chief of Staff of the Army General James C. McConville, USA

Chief of Naval Operations Admiral John M. Richardson, USN

Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Charles Q. Brown, USAF

Commandant of the Marine Corps General David Berger, USMC

Chief of Space Operations General John W. Raymond, USAF

Chief of the National Guard Bureau General Joseph L. Lengyel, USAF

Director of the Joint Staff Lt. Gen. Andrew P. Poppas, USA

II. SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

The National Security Act of 1947, Public Law (PL) 80-253, 26 July 1947, which provided for a National Military Establishment, created the position of Secretary of Defense. The National Security Act Amendments of 1949, PL 81-216, 10 August 1949, made the Secretary of Defense the head of the Department of Defense. The Secretary of Defense is the principal defense policy adviser to the President and exercises authority over the formulation of defense policy and all activities of the Department of Defense.

Congress passed PL 81-788 on 18 September 1950, waiving the restriction against nominating an active-duty commissioned officer in order for General George C. Marshall to serve as Secretary of Defense. This law was only effective for the duration of General Marshall's term as Secretary. General James N. Mattis received a similar waiver through PL 115-2, Secretary of Defense Appointment Restriction Waiver, on 20 January 2017.

James V. Forrestal 17 September 1947–28 March 1949

- Born 15 February 1892; died 22 May 1949
- Served in the U.S. Navy during World War I
- Dillon, Read & Company, 1916–1940
- Under Secretary of the Navy, 1940–1944
- Secretary of the Navy, 1944–1947

Louis A. Johnson. 28 March 1949–19 September 1950

- Born 10 January 1891; died 24 April 1966
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1917–1919
- Founding partner, Steptoe & Johnson, 1912
- Cofounder and national commander, American Legion, 1932–1933
- Assistant Secretary of War, 1937–1940
- Returned to law practice 1940–1949

George C. Marshall. 21 September 1950–12 September 1951

- Born 31 December 1880; died 16 October 1959
- Commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1902
- U.S. Army Chief of Staff, 1939–1945
- Secretary of State, 1947–1949
- President, American Red Cross, 1949–1950

Robert A. Lovett 17 September 1951–20 January 1953

- Born 14 September 1895; died 7 May 1986
- Served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot, 1917–1919
- Brown Brothers Harriman & Company, 1926–1940; 1946–1947; 1949–1950
- Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, 1940–1941
- Assistant to the Secretary of War for Air, 1941–1945
- Under Secretary of State, 1947–1949
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 4 October 1950–16 September 1951

Charles E. Wilson 28 January 1953–8 October 1957

- Born 18 July 1890; died 26 September 1961
- Engineer, Westinghouse Electric Company, 1909–1919
- General Motors Corporation, 1919–1952 (president, 1941–1952)

- Neil H. McElroy 9 October 1957–1 December 1959
- Born 30 October 1904; died 30 November 1972
 - Procter & Gamble Company, 1925–1957 (president, 1948–1975)
- Thomas S. Gates Jr. 2 December 1959–20 January 1961
- Born 10 April 1906; died 25 March 1983
 - Served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1942–1945
 - Drexel & Company, 1928–1953
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 1953–1957
 - Secretary of the Navy, 1957–1959
 - Deputy Secretary of Defense, 8 June 1959–1 December 1959
- Robert S. McNamara 21 January 1961–29 February 1968
- Born 9 June 1916; died 6 July 2009
 - Served in the U.S. Army Air Forces, 1943–1946
 - Ford Motor Company, 1946–1961 (president, 1960–1961)
 - President, World Bank, 1968–1981
- Clark M. Clifford 1 March 1968–20 January 1969
- Born 25 December 1906; died 10 October 1998
 - Served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1943–1946
 - Assistant Naval Aide to the President, 1945–1946
 - Naval Aide to the President, 1946
 - Special Counsel to the President, 1946–1950
 - Senior partner, Clifford & Miller, 1950–1968
 - Senior partner, Clifford & Warnke, 1969–1991
- Melvin R. Laird. 22 January 1969–29 January 1973
- Born 1 September 1922; died 16 November 2016
 - Served in the U.S. Navy, 1942–1946
 - U.S. Representative (R-WI), 1953–1969
- Elliot L. Richardson 30 January 1973–24 May 1973
- Born 20 July 1920; died 31 December 1999
 - Served in the U.S. Army, 1942–1945
 - Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1957–1959
 - Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, 1965–1967
 - Under Secretary of State, 1969–1970
 - Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1970–1973
 - U.S. Attorney General, 1973–1973
- James R. Schlesinger 2 July 1973–19 November 1975
- Born 15 February 1929; died 27 March 2014
 - Director of Strategic Studies, RAND Corporation, 1967–1969
 - Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, 1969
 - Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget, 1970–1971
 - Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, 1971–1973
 - Director of Central Intelligence, 1973
 - Secretary of the Department of Energy, 1977–1979

- Donald H. Rumsfeld 20 November 1975–20 January 1977
- Born 9 July 1932
 - Served in the U.S. Navy, 1954–1957
 - U.S. Representative (R-IL), 1963–1969
 - Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, 1969–1970
 - Counselor to the President, 1970–1973
 - Director, Cost of Living Council, 1971–1973
 - Ambassador to NATO, 1973–1974
 - White House Chief of Staff, 1974–1975
 - Chief executive officer, G. D. Searle & Company, 1977–1985
 - Chairman and chief executive officer, General Instrument Corporation, 1990–1993
 - Secretary of Defense, 20 January 2001–18 December 2006
- Harold Brown 21 January 1977–20 January 1981
- Born 19 September 1927; died 4 January 2019
 - Staff member, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, 1952–1960
 - President, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, 1960–1961
 - Director, Defense Research and Engineering, 1961–1965
 - Secretary of the Air Force, 1965–1969
 - President, California Institute of Technology, 1969–1977
- Caspar W. Weinberger 21 January 1981–23 November 1987
- Born 18 August 1917; died 28 March 2006
 - Served in the U.S. Army, 1941–1945
 - Director, Office of Management and Budget, 1972–1973
 - Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1973–1975
 - General counsel, vice president, and director, Bechtel Corporation, 1975–1981
- Frank C. Carlucci 23 November 1987–20 January 1989
- Born 18 October 1930; died 3 June 2018
 - Served in the U.S. Navy, 1952–1954
 - Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, 1970–1972
 - Under Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1972–1974
 - Ambassador to Portugal, 1975–1978
 - Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1978–1981
 - Deputy Secretary of Defense, 4 February 1981–31 December 1982
 - National Security Advisor, 1986–1987
- William H. Taft IV (Acting) 20 January 1989–21 March 1989
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 3 February 1984–22 April 1989; see bio in Section III
- Richard B. “Dick” Cheney 21 March 1989–20 January 1993
- Born 30 January 1941
 - Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, 1969–1970
 - Deputy to the Presidential Counselor, 1970–1971
 - Assistant Director of Operations, Cost of Living Council, 1971–1973
 - Assistant to the President, 1975–1977
 - U.S. Representative (R-WY), 1978–1989

- Leslie “Les” Aspin 20 January 1993–3 February 1994
- Born 21 July 1938; died 21 May 1995
 - Served in the U.S. Army, 1966–1968
 - Assistant professor of economics, Marquette University, 1968–1970
 - U.S. Representative (D-WI), 1971–1993
 - Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, 1985–1993
- William J. Perry 3 February 1994–24 January 1997
- Born 11 October 1927
 - Served in the U.S. Army, 1946–1947
 - Laboratory director, General Telephone (General Telephone and Electric after 1959), 1954–1964
 - President, Electromagnetic Systems Laboratory Inc., 1964–1977
 - Director, Defense Research and Engineering, 1977
 - Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), 1977–1981
 - Director, Stanford University Center for International Security and Arms Control, 1989–1993
 - Deputy Secretary of Defense, 5 March 1993– 3 February 1994
- William S. Cohen 24 January 1997–20 January 2001
- Born 28 August 1940
 - Assistant County Attorney, Penobscot County, Maine, 1968–1970
 - Mayor of Bangor, Maine, 1971–1972
 - U.S. Representative (R-ME), 1973–1979
 - U.S. Senator (R-ME), 1979–1997
- Donald H. Rumsfeld 20 January 2001–18 December 2006
- Secretary of Defense, 20 November 1975–20 January 1977; see bio in this section
- Robert M. Gates 18 December 2006–1 July 2011
- Born 25 September 1943
 - Served in U.S. Air Force intelligence, 1967–1969
 - Central Intelligence Agency, 1966–1974
 - National Security Council staff, 1974–1979
 - Central Intelligence Agency, 1979–1986
 - Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1986–1989
 - Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Deputy National Security Advisor, 1989–1991
 - Director of Central Intelligence, 1991–1993
 - Interim dean, George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, 1999–2001
 - President, Texas A&M University, 2002–2006
- Leon E. Panetta 1 July 2011–26 February 2013
- Born 28 June 1938
 - Served in U.S. Army intelligence, 1964–1966
 - U.S. Representative (D-CA), 1977–1993
 - Director, Office of Management and Budget, 1993–1994
 - White House Chief of Staff, 1994–1997
 - Director of Central Intelligence, 2009–2011

- Charles T. “Chuck” Hagel. 27 February 2013–17 February 2015
- Born 4 October 1946
 - Served in the U.S. Army, 1967–1968
 - Deputy Administrator, U.S. Veterans Administration, 1981–1982
 - President and chief executive officer, Private Sector Council, 1990–1992
 - President, McCarthy & Company, 1992–1996
 - U.S. Senator (R-NE), 1996–2009
- Ashton B. “Ash” Carter 17 February 2015–19 January 2017
- Born 24 September 1954
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear Security and Counterproliferation), 1993–1994
 - Chair, international and global affairs faculty and professor of science and international affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2000–2009
 - Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), 2009–2011
 - Deputy Secretary of Defense, 6 October 2011–3 December 2013
 - Senior executive, Markle Foundation, 2014–2015
 - Distinguished visiting fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 2014–2015
- James N. Mattis. 20 January 2017–31 December 2018
- Born 8 September 1950
 - Commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1971
 - NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation, 2007–2010
 - Commander, U.S. Central Command, 2010–2013
 - Davies Family Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, 2014–2017
- Patrick M. Shanahan (Acting). 1 January 2019–23 June 2019
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 19 June 2017–23 June 2019; see bio in section III
- Mark T. Esper (Acting). 24 June 2019–15 July 2019
- Richard V. Spencer (Acting). 15 July 2019–23 July 2019
- Secretary of the Navy, 3 August 2017–15 July 2019; see bio in section V
- Mark T. Esper 23 July 2019–9 November 2020
- Served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, 1986–2007
 - Executive vice president, Global Intellectual Property Center, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2008–2010
 - Vice president for government relations, Raytheon Company, 2010–2017
 - Secretary of the Army, 2017–2019
 - Acting Secretary of Defense, 24 June 2019–15 July 2019
- Christopher C. Miller (Acting). 9 November 2020–Present
- Performing the duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict), June–August 2020
 - Director, National Counterterrorism Center, August–November 2020

III. DEPUTY SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

Public Law 81-36, 2 April 1949, originally established this position as Under Secretary of Defense. PL 81-216, 10 August 1949, the 1949 amendments to the National Security Act of 1947, changed the title to Deputy Secretary of Defense.

PL 92-596, 27 October 1972, established a second Deputy position, with both Deputies performing duties as prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. The second Deputy position was not filled until December 1975. PL 95-140, 21 October 1977, the law establishing two Under Secretaries of Defense, abolished the second Deputy position.

By delegation, the Deputy Secretary of Defense has full power and authority to act for the Secretary of Defense and to exercise the powers of the Secretary on any and all matters for which the Secretary is authorized to act pursuant to the law.

Under Secretary of Defense

Stephen T. Early 2 May 1949–9 August 1949

Deputy Secretary of Defense

Stephen T. Early 10 August 1949–10 March 1950

- Born 27 August 1889; died 11 August 1951
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1917–1919
- Journalist, United Press, 1908–1913
- Journalist, Associated Press, 1913–1917 and 1920–1927
- Assistant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933–1945
- Under Secretary of Defense, 2 May 1949–9 August 1949, when the position title changed

Robert A. Lovett 4 October 1950–16 September 1951

- Secretary of Defense, 17 September 1951–20 January 1953; see bio in section II

William C. Foster 24 September 1951–20 January 1953

- Born 27 April 1897; died 16 October 1984
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1917
- Under Secretary of Commerce, 1946–1948
- Administrator, Economic Cooperation Administration, 1948–1951

Roger M. Kyes 2 February 1953–1 May 1954

- Born 6 March 1906; died 13 February 1971
- Vice president, Empire Plow Company, 1932–1941
- Harry Ferguson, Inc., 1941–1947 (president, 1943–1947)
- General Motors Corporation, 1948–1953 and 1959–1970

Robert B. Anderson 3 May 1954–4 August 1955

- Born 4 June 1910; died 14 August 1989
- General counsel and manager, W. T. Waggoner Estate, 1937–1952
- Secretary of the Navy, 1953–1954
- Secretary of the Treasury, 1957–1961

- Reuben B. Robertson Jr. 5 August 1955–25 April 1957
- Born 27 June 1908; died 13 March 1960
 - Served in the U.S. Army, 1942–1945
 - Champion Paper and Fibre Company, 1930–1955 and 1957–1960 (president, 1950–1955 and 1957–1960)
 - Vice chairman, Hoover Commission Committee on Business Organization of the Department of Defense, 1955
- Donald A. Quarles. 1 May 1957–8 May 1959
- Born 30 July 1894; died 8 May 1959
 - Served in the U.S. Army, 1917–1919
 - Engineer, Western Electric Company, 1919–1925
 - Bell Telephone Laboratories 1925–1952 (vice president, 1948–1952)
 - President, Sandia Corporation; vice president, Western Electric Company 1952–1953
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development), 1953–1955
 - Secretary of the Air Force, 15 August 1955–30 April 1957
- Thomas S. Gates Jr.. 8 June 1959–1 December 1959
- Secretary of Defense, 2 December 1959–20 January 1961; see bio in section II
- James H. Douglas Jr.. 11 December 1959–24 January 1961
- Born 11 March 1899; died 24 February 1988
 - Served in the U.S. Army, 1918, and U.S. Army Air Forces, 1942–1945
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1953–1957
 - Secretary of the Air Force, 1 May 1957–11 December 1959
- Roswell L. Gilpatric 24 January 1961–20 January 1964
- Born 4 November 1906; died 15 March 1996
 - Partner, Cravath, Swain & Moore, 1940–1951 and 1953–1961
 - Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, 1951
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1951–1953
- Cyrus R. Vance 28 January 1964–30 June 1967
- Born 27 March 1917; died 12 January 2002
 - Served in the U.S. Navy, 1942–1946
 - Associate General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, 1958
 - Consulting Counsel, Senate Committee on Space and Aeronautics, 1958–1961
 - General Counsel, Department of Defense, 1961–1962
 - Secretary of the Army, 1962–1964
- Paul H. Nitze. 1 July 1967–20 January 1969
- Born 27 March 1917; died 12 January 2002
 - Dillon, Read & Company, 1929–1937
 - Chief, Metals and Minerals Branch, Board of Economic Warfare, 1942–1943
 - Director, then Vice Chairman, U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey, 1944–1946
 - Deputy Director, Office of International Trade Policy, U.S. Department of State, 1946–1948
 - Policy Planning Staff, U.S. Department of State, 1949–1953 (Director, 1950–1953)

- Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), 1961–1963
 - Secretary of the Navy, 29 November 1963–30 June 1967
- David Packard. 24 January 1969–13 December 1971
- Born 7 September 1912; died 26 March 1996
 - Hewlett-Packard Company, 1939–1969 (president, 1947–1964, and chief executive officer, 1964–1969)
- Kenneth Rush 23 February 1972–29 January 1973
- Born 17 January 1910; died 11 December 1994
 - Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, 1969–1972
 - Deputy Secretary of State, 1973–1974
- William P. Clements Jr. 30 January 1973–20 January 1977
- Born 13 April 1917; died 29 May 2011
 - Member, Department of Defense Blue Ribbon Defense Panel, 1969–1970
 - Governor of Texas, 1979–1983, 1987–1991
- Robert F. Ellsworth 23 December 1975–10 January 1977
- Born 11 June 1926; died 9 May 2011
 - Served in the U.S. Navy, 1944–1946 and 1950–1953
 - U.S. Representative (R-KS), 1961–1967
 - Ambassador to NATO, 1969–1974
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), 1974–1975
 - Filled position of “second” Deputy Secretary of Defense (see introductory note)
- Charles W. Duncan Jr. 31 January 1977–26 July 1979
- Born 9 September 1926
 - Served in the U.S. Army Air Forces, 1944–1946
 - Coca-Cola Company, 1964–1974 (president, 1971–1974)
 - Secretary of Energy, 1979–1981
- W. Graham Clayton Jr. 24 August 1979–16 January 1981
- Born 14 March 1912; died 14 May 1994
 - Served in the U.S. Navy, 1941–1946
 - Associate; Partner, Covington & Burling, 1938–1967
 - President and chairman, Southern Railway Company, 1967–1977
 - Secretary of the Navy, 1977–1979
 - Acting Secretary of Transportation, 1979
- Frank C. Carlucci 4 February 1981–31 December 1982
- Secretary of Defense, 23 November 1987–20 January 1989; see bio in section II
- W. Paul Thayer 12 January 1983–4 January 1984
- Born 23 November 1919; died 6 May 2010
 - Served in the U.S. Navy, 1941–1945
 - President, Chance Vought Aircraft, 1961–1965
 - President, LTV Aerospace Corporation, 1965–1970
 - Chairman and chief executive officer, LTV Corporation, 1970–1982
- William H. Taft IV 3 February 1984–22 April 1989
- Born 13 September 1945

- Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1973–1977
- General Counsel, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1973–1976
- General Counsel, Department of Defense, 1981–1984
- Acting Secretary of Defense, 20 January 1989–21 March 1989
- U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO, 1989–1992

Donald J. Atwood Jr. 24 April 1989–20 January 1993

- Born 25 May 1924; died 24 April 1994
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1943–1945
- Vice president and treasurer, Dynatrol Corporation, 1952–1959
- General Motors Corporation, 1959–1989 (executive vice president, 1984–1989; vice chairman of the board, 1987–1989)

William J. Perry 5 March 1993–3 February 1994

- Secretary of Defense, 3 February 1994–24 January 1997; see bio in section II

John M. Deutch. 11 March 1994–10 May 1995

- Born 27 July 1938
- Systems Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1961–1965
- Assistant professor of chemistry, Princeton University, 1967–1970
- Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1970–1980
- Under Secretary of Energy, 1977–1980
- Provost, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1980–1993
- Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), 1993–1994

John P. White 22 June 1995–15 July 1997

- Born 27 February 1937; died 3 September 2017
- Senior vice president and member, board of trustees, RAND Corporation, 1968–1977
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics), 1977–1978
- Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, 1978–1981
- Chairman, Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces, 1994–1995

John J. Hamre 29 July 1997–31 March 2000

- Born 3 July 1950
- Congressional Budget Office, 1978–1984
- Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, 1984–1993
- Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), 1993–1997

Rudy deLeon. 31 March 2000–1 March 2001

- Born 28 August 1952
- Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senate, 1974–1977
- Professional Staff Member, House Armed Services Committee, 1985–1989
- Staff Director, House Armed Services Committee, 1989–1993
- Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, 1993–1994
- Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1994–1997
- Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), 1997–2000

- Paul D. Wolfowitz. 2 March 2001–13 May 2005
- Born 22 December 1943
 - U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1973–1977
 - Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Regional Programs), 1977–1980
 - Director, Policy Planning, Department of State, 1981–1982
 - Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, 1982–1986
 - Ambassador to Indonesia, 1986–1989
 - Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 1989–1993
 - Dean, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, 1993–2001
- Gordon R. England (Acting). 13 May 2005–3 January 2006
- Gordon R. England. 4 January 2006–11 February 2009
- Born 15 September 1937
 - Engineer, General Electric Company, 1961–1962
 - Engineer, Honeywell Corporation, 1962–1966
 - Program manager, Litton Industries, 1972–1973
 - General Dynamics, 1966–1972; 1973–1995; 1997–2001 (executive vice president 1997–2001)
 - Secretary of the Navy, 24 May 2001–24 January 2003; 1 October 2003–29 December 2005
 - Deputy Secretary of Department of Homeland Security, 2003
- William J. Lynn III. 12 February 2009–5 October 2011
- Born 1 January 1954
 - Legislative counsel to Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), 1987–1993
 - Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, 1993–1997
 - Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), 1997–2001
 - Senior vice president, government operations and strategy, Raytheon Company, 2002–2009
- Ashton B. “Ash” Carter. 6 October 2011–4 December 2013
- Secretary of Defense, 17 February 2015–19 January 2017; see bio in section II
- Christine H. Fox (Acting). 5 December 2013–30 April 2014
- Born 26 May 1955
 - President, Center for Naval Analyses, 2004–2009
 - Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, 2009–2013
 - Assistant director, policy and analysis, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, 2014–
- Robert O. Work. 5 May 2014–19 June 2017
- Born 17 January 1953
 - Served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1974–2001
 - Vice president, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, 2002–2009
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 2009–2013
 - President, Center for a New American Security, 2013–2014
- Patrick M. Shanahan. 19 June 2017–23 June 2019
- Born 27 June 1962

- The Boeing Company, 1986–2017 (Senior vice president, supply chain and operations, 2016–2017)
 - Acting Secretary of Defense, 1 January 2019–23 June 2019
- David L. Norquist (Performing the Duties Of) 1 January 2019–23 July 2019
- Richard V. Spencer (Performing the Duties Of) 23 July 2019–30 July 2019
- Secretary of the Navy, 3 August 2017–15 July 2019; see bio in section V
- David L. Norquist 31 July 2019–Present
- Born 24 November 1966
 - Presidential Fellow, Department of the Army, 1989–1995
 - Director, Resource Management, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, 1995–1997
 - Professional Staff Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, 1997–2002
 - Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), 2002–2006
 - Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, 2006–2008
 - Partner, Kearney & Company, 2008–2017
 - Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), 2017–2019
 - Performed the duties of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, 1 January 2019–23 July 2019

IV. CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICERS

Congress created the Chief Management Officer (CMO) under Public Law 114-328, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2017, amended in the NDAA for FY 2018. The CMO is the principal adviser to the Secretary on business operations across the Department. The CMO is responsible for managing and establishing policies to optimize business operations through enterprise-wide data collection and analysis, performance management, and transformation and reform activities.

John H. Gibson II	1 February 2018–30 November 2018
Lisa W. Hershman (Acting)	1 December 2018–5 July 2019
Lisa W. Hershman (Performing the Duties Of)	6 July 2019–30 December 2019
Lisa W. Hershman.	30 December 2019–Present

V. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

The National Security Act of 1947 established three military departments—the Department of the Army (a renaming of the War Department), the Department of the Navy (comprised of the Navy and Marine Corps), and the newly created Department of the Air Force. All three were executive departments headed by a Secretary. The National Security Act Amendments of 1949, PL 81-216, 10 August 1949, changed the status of each department from “executive” to “military,” with each Secretary giving up their seats in the cabinet and the National Security Council. DoD Directive 5100.1, 31 December 1958, established two command lines: one for operational direction of the armed forces through the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the unified and specified commands, and the second for the direction of support activities through the Secretaries of the military departments.

Secretary of the Army

Kenneth C. Royall. 18 September 1947–27 April 1949

- Served in the U.S. Army, 1918–1919
- Senior partner, Ehringhaus, Royall, Gosney & Smith, 1937
- Senior partner, Royall, Gosney & Smith, 1938–1942
- Under Secretary of War, 1945–1947
- Secretary of War, 19 July 1947–17 September 1947

Gordon Gray 20 June 1949–12 April 1950

- Served in the U.S. Army, 1942–1945
- President, Piedmont Publishing Company, 1937–1947
- Assistant Secretary of the Army, 1947–1949
- Under Secretary of the Army, 1949
- Special Assistant to the President, 1950
- President, University of North Carolina, 1950–1955
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), 1955–1957
- Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, 1957–1958
- National Security Advisor, 1958–1961

Frank Pace Jr. 12 April 1950–20 January 1953

- Served in the U.S. Army Air Forces, 1942–1946
- Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, 1948
- Director, Bureau of the Budget, 1949–1950

Robert T. Stevens 4 February 1953–20 July 1955

- Served in the U.S. Army, 1918; 1942–1945
- President, J. P. Stevens & Company, Inc., 1929–1942
- Chairman of the board, J. P. Stevens & Company, 1945–1953

Wilber M. Brucker 21 July 1955–20 January 1961

- Served with the National Guard, 1916; and with the U.S. Army, 1917–1918
- Attorney, Saginaw County, Michigan, 1919–1927
- Governor of Michigan, 1930–1932
- General Counsel, Department of Defense, 1954–1955

Elvis J. Stahr 24 January 1961–30 June 1962

- Served in the U.S. Army 1941–1945

- Associate, Mudge, Stern, Williams & Tucker, 1939
 - Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, 1951–1952
 - President, University of West Virginia, 1959–1961
- Cyrus R. Vance 5 July 1962–27 January 1964
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 28 January 1964–30 June 1967; see bio in section III
- Stephen Ailes 28 January 1964–1 July 1965
- Assistant professor of law, West Virginia University, 1937–1940
 - Counsel to U.S. Economic Mission to Greece, 1947
 - Under Secretary of the Army, 1961–1964
- Stanley R. Resor 5 July 1965–30 June 1971
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1942–1945
 - Associate; partner, Deveboise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates, 1946–1965
 - Under Secretary of the Army, 1965
 - Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 1978–1979
- Robert F. Froehlke. 1 July 1971–14 May 1973
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1943–1946
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration), 1969–1971
- Howard H. Callaway. 15 May 1973–3 July 1975
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1949–1952
 - U.S. Representative (R-GA), 1965–1967
- Martin R. Hoffmann 5 August 1975–13 February 1977
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1954–1956
 - General Counsel, Department of Defense, 1974–1975
- Clifford L. Alexander 14 February 1977–20 January 1981
- Assistant district attorney for New York County, 1959–1961
 - Special Assistant to the President, 1964–1965
 - Chairman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1967–1969
- Percy A. Pierre (Acting) 21 January 1981–30 January 1981
- Deputy to the Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs from 1969–1970
 - Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition), 1977–1981
- John O. Marsh. 30 January 1981–13 August 1989
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1944–1947
 - U.S. Representative (D-VA), 1963–1971
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), 1973–1974
 - Assistant to the Vice President, 1974
 - Counselor to the President, 1974–1977
- Michael P. W. Stone 14 August 1989–20 January 1993
- President, Sterling Vineyards, 1968–1982
 - Director, U.S. Mission, Agency for International Development, Cairo, Egypt, 1982–1984
 - Under Secretary of the Army, 1988–1989

- John W. Shannon (Acting) 20 January 1993–26 August 1993
- Under Secretary of the Army, 14 August 1989–23 November 1993
- Gordon R. Sullivan (Acting). 28 August 1993–21 November 1993
- Chief of Staff of the Army, 21 June 1991–20 June 1995
- Togo D. West Jr. 22 November 1993–4 May 1997
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1969–1973
 - Associate Deputy Attorney, Department of Justice, 1975–1976
 - General Counsel, Department of the Navy, 1977–1979
 - Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, 1979–1980
 - General Counsel, Department of Defense, 1980–1981
- Robert M. Walker (Acting). 2 January 1998–2 July 1998
- Under Secretary of the Army, 13 November 1997–15 October 1998
- Louis Caldera 2 July 1998–20 January 2001
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1978–1983
 - Attorney, O'Melveny & Myers, 1987–1990
 - California State Assemblyman, 1992–1997
 - Managing director and chief operating officer, Corporation for National Service, 1997–1998
- Gregory R. Dahlberg (Acting) 20 January 2001–4 March 2001
- Under Secretary of the Army, 23 May 2000–4 March 2001
- Joseph W. Westphal (Acting) 5 March 2001–31 May 2001
- Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), 1998–2001
- Thomas E. White 31 May 2001–9 May 2003
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1967–1990
- R. Les Brownlee (Acting). 10 May 2003–18 November 2004
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1962–1984
 - Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, 1987–2001
 - Under Secretary of the Army, November 2001–December 2004
- Francis J. Harvey 19 November 2004–9 March 2007
- Westinghouse Corporation, 1969–1997 (Chief operating officer, Industries and Technology Group, 1996–1997)
 - Vice chairman and director, Duratek, Inc., 1999–2004
- Preston M. Geren (Acting) 9 March 2007–16 July 2007
- Preston M. Geren 16 July 2007–21 September 2009
- Attorney, private practice, 1999–2001
 - U.S. Representative (D-TX), 1989–1997
 - Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, 2001–2005
 - Acting Secretary of the Air Force, 29 July 2005–4 November 2005
 - Under Secretary of the Army, 2006–2007
 - Acting Secretary of the Army, 9 March 2007–16 July 2007
- John M. McHugh 21 September 2009–14 August 2015
- U.S. Representative (R-NY), 1992–2009

- Eric K. Fanning. 18 May 2016–20 January 2017
- Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1993–1996
 - Senior vice president, strategic development, Business Executives for National Security, 2001–2007
 - Deputy Director, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction
 - Proliferation and Terrorism, 2008–2009
 - Deputy Under Secretary and Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department the Navy, 2009–2013
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 2013–2015
 - Acting Secretary of the Air Force, 21 June –20 December 2013
- Robert M. Speer 20 January 2017–2 August 2017
- Executive vice president, Global Intellectual Property Center, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2008–2010
 - Vice President, Raytheon Company, 2010–2017
- Ryan McCarthy (Acting) 2 August 2017–16 November 2017
- Mark T. Esper 15 November 2017–23 July 2019
- Secretary of Defense, 23 July 2019–Present; see bio in section II
- Ryan McCarthy (Performing the Duties Of). 24 June 2019–15 July 2019
- Ryan McCarthy (Acting) 23 July 2019–29 September 2019
- Ryan McCarthy. 30 September 2019–Present
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1997–2002
 - Vice president, global security policy, Lockheed Martin Corporation, 2013–2017
 - Under Secretary of the Army and Chief Management Officer, U.S. Department of the Army, 2017–2019
 - Acting Secretary of the Army, 3 August 2017–20 November 2017
 - Acting Secretary of the Army, 24 June–15 July 2019; 23 July–30 September 2019

Secretary of the Navy

- John L. Sullivan 18 September 1947–24 May 1949
- Served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1918
 - Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 1940–1944
 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, 1945–1946
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 1946–1947
- Francis P. Matthews 25 May 1949–30 July 1951
- Counsel for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 1933–1949
 - Ambassador to Ireland, 1951–1952
- Dan A. Kimball. 31 July 1951–3 February 1953
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1969–1975
 - Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, 1985–1986
 - Assistant to the President, 1986–1988
- Robert B. Anderson. 4 February 1953–2 May 1954
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 3 May 1954–4 August 1955; see bio in section III

- Charles S. Thomas 3 May 1954–31 March 1957
- Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, 1942–1945
 - Under Secretary of the Navy 1953–1953
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics), 1953–1954
- Thomas S. Gates Jr. 1 April 1957–7 June 1959
- Secretary of Defense, 2 December 1959–20 January 1961; see bio in section II
- William B. Franke. 8 June 1959–20 January 1961
- Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, 1951–1952
 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management), 1954–1957
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 1957–1959
- John B. Connally. 25 January 1961–20 December 1961
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1942–1946
 - Governor of Texas, 1963–1969
- Fred H. Korth 4 January 1962–1 November 1963
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1942–1946
 - Assistant Secretary of the Army, 1952–1953
 - Consultant to the Secretary of the Army, 1953–1960
- Paul H. Nitze. 29 November 1963–30 June 1967
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 1 July 1967–20 January 1969; see bio in section III
- Charles F. Baird (Acting) 1 July 1967–31 August 1967
- Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller), 1966–1967
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 1 August 1967–20 January 1969
- Paul R. Ignatius. 1 September 1967–24 January 1969
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1943–1946
 - Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Logistics), 1961–1964
 - Under Secretary of the Army, 1964
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), 1964–1967
- John H. Chafee 31 January 1969–4 May 1972
- Served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1942–1945, 1951–1952
 - Governor of Rhode Island, 1963–1969
- John W. Warner. 4 May 1972–8 April 1974
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1944–1946, and U.S. Marine Corps, 1950–1952
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 1969–1972
 - Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, 1974–1976
- J. William Middendorf II 10 June 1974–20 January 1977
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1945–1946
 - Ambassador to the Netherlands, 1969–1973
- W. Graham Claytor Jr. 14 February 1977–26 July 1979
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 24 August 1979–16 January 1981; see bio in section III

- Edward Hidalgo 27 July 1979–29 January 1981
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1942–1946
 - Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, 1945–1946, 1965–1966
 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics), 1977–1979
- John F. Lehman Jr. 5 February 1981–10 April 1987
- National Security Council staff, 1969–1975
 - Deputy Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1975–1977
- James H. Webb Jr. 10 April 1987–23 February 1988
- Served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1968–1972
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), 1984–1987
- William L. Ball III 24 March 1988–15 May 1989
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1969–1975
 - Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, 1985–1986
 - Assistant to the President, 1986–1988
- H. Lawrence Garrett III. 15 May 1989–26 June 1992
- Enlisted in the U.S. Navy, 1961; retired as Commander, 1981
 - Assistant Counsel to the President, 1981
 - Executive Assistant to the President and Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation, 1982
 - Associate Counsel to the President of the United States, 1983–1986
 - General Counsel, Department of Defense, 1986–1987
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 1987–1989
- Sean O’Keefe (Acting) 7 July 1992–16 December 1992
- Sean O’Keefe 16 December 1992–20 January 1993
- Department of Defense Comptroller, 1989–1992
 - Acting Secretary of the Navy, 7 July 1992–16 December 1992
- John H. Dalton 22 July 1993–16 November 1998
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1964–1969
 - Federal Home Loan Bank Board, 1979–1981
- Richard Danzig 16 November 1998–20 January 2001
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics), 1978–1979
 - Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics), 1979–1981
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 1993–1997
- Gordon R. England 24 May 2001–24 January 2003
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 4 January 2006–11 February 2009; see bio in section III
- Hansford T. Johnson (Acting). 7 February 2003–1 October 2003
- Served in the U.S. Air Force, 1959–1992
 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), 2001–2005

- Gordon R. England 1 October 2003–29 December 2005
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 4 January 2006–11 February 2009; see bio in section III
- Dionel M. Aviles (Acting). 29 December 2005–3 January 2006
- Under Secretary of the Navy, 2004–2009, 8 October 2004–19 May 2009
- Donald C. Winter 3 January 2006–13 March 2009
- Program manager for space acquisition, tracking, and pointing programs, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, 1980–1983
 - President and chief executive officer, TRW Systems, 2000–2002
- B. J. Penn (Acting) 13 March 2009–19 May 2009
- Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment), 2005–2009
- Raymond E. Mabus. 18 June 2009–19 January 2017
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1970–1972
 - Governor of Mississippi, 1998–2002
 - Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, 1994–1996
- Richard V. Spencer 3 August 2017–15 July 2019
- Served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1976–1981
 - Governor of Mississippi, 1998–2002
 - Managing director, Fall Creek Management, LLC, 2007–2017
 - Performed the duties of Deputy Secretary of Defense, July 2019
 - Acting Secretary of Defense, 15 July 2019–23 July 2019
- Thomas B. Modly (Performing the Duties Of). 15 July 2019–30 July 2019
- Executive Director, Defense Business Board, 2002–2005
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 2017–2019
- Richard V. Spencer 31 July 2019–24 November 2019
- Thomas B. Modly (Acting). 24 November 2019–7 April 2020
- James McPherson (Acting). 8 April 2020–29 May 2020
- General Counsel, Department of the Army, 2018–2020
 - Under Secretary of the Navy, 2020
- Kenneth J. Braithwaite 29 May 2020–Present
- Served in the U.S. Navy, Navy Reserve, 1984–2011
 - Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, VHA Pennsylvania, 2006–2011
 - Vice Chief of Information, Office of the Secretary of the Navy, 2008–2011
 - Senior Vice President, Vizient, Inc., 2011–2018
 - U.S. Ambassador to Norway, 2018–2020

Secretary of the Air Force

- W. Stuart Symington 18 September 1947–24 April 1950
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1918
 - Chairman; Administrator, Surplus Property Board, 1945–1946
 - Assistant Secretary of War for Air, 1946–1947

- Thomas K. Finletter 24 April 1950–20 January 1953
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1917–1919
 - Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, 1941–1944
 - Consultant to the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Conference in 1945
 - Chairman, President’s Air Policy Commission, 1947–1948
 - Ambassador to NATO, 1961–1965
- Harold E. Talbott. 4 February 1953–13 August 1955
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1918
 - Aviation industry executive, 1911–1942
- Donald A. Quarles. 15 August 1955–30 April 1957
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 1 May 1957–8 May 1959; see bio in section III
- James H. Douglas Jr. 1 May 1957–11 December 1959
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 11 December 1959–24 January 1961; see bio in section III
- Dudley C. Sharp 11 December 1959–20 January 1961
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1942–1945
 - Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, 1955–1959
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1959–1959
- Eugene M. Zuckert 24 January 1961–30 September 1965
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1944–1946
 - Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of War for Air, 1946–1947
 - Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, 1947–1952
 - Member of the Atomic Energy Commission, 1952–1954
- Harold Brown 1 October 1965–15 February 1969
- Secretary of Defense, 21 January 1977–20 January 1981; see bio in section II
- Robert C. Seamans Jr. 15 February 1969–14 May 1973
- Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1941–1955
 - Engineer, Radio Corporation of America, 1955–1958
 - Associate and Deputy Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1969
- John L. McLucas. 19 July 1973–12 November 1975
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1943–1946
 - Deputy Director, Defense Research and Engineering, 1962–1964
 - Assistant Secretary General for Scientific Affairs, NATO, 1964–1966
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1969–1973
- Thomas C. Reed 2 January 1976–6 April 1977
- Served in the U.S. Air Force, 1956–1959
 - Director, Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems, 1974–1975
- John C. Stetson 6 April 1977–18 May 1979
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1945–1946
 - Project manager, Foote Brothers Gear and Machine Company, 1949–1951
 - President, Publishing Division, Houston Post Company, 1963–1970
 - President, A. B. Dick Company, 1970–1977

- Hans M. Mark 26 July 1979–9 February 1981
- Research associate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1954–1955
 - Head, Experimental Physics Division, Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, 1960–1964
 - Chair, Department of Nuclear Engineering, University of California at Berkeley, 1964–1969
 - Director, Ames Research Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1969–1977
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1977–1979
 - Deputy Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1981–1984
 - Director, Defense Research and Engineering, 1998–2001
- Verne Orr 9 February 1981–30 November 1985
- Director of the California Department of Finance, 1970–1975
 - Instructor, University of California, 1975–1980
- Russell A. Rourke 8 December 1985–7 April 1986
- Served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, 1953–1985
 - Administrative Assistant to Representative John R. Pillion (R-NY), 1960–1965
 - Administrative Assistant to Representative Harry P. Smith III (R-NY), 1965–1974
 - Deputy to the Presidential Counselor, 1974–1976
 - Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, 1976–1977
 - Administrative Assistant to Representative Harold S. Sawyer (R-MI), 1977–1981
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), 1981–1985
- Edward C. Aldridge Jr. (Acting) 8 April 1986–8 June 1986
- Edward C. Aldridge Jr. 9 June 1986–15 December 1988
- Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), 10 May 2001–23 May 2003; see bio in section VI
- Donald B. Rice 22 May 1989–20 January 1993
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1965–1967
 - Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget, 1970–1972
 - President and chief executive officer, RAND Corporation, 1972–1989
 - Member, Defense Science Board, 1977–1983
- Michael B. Donley (Acting) January 1993–July 1993
- Secretary of the Air Force, 2 October 2008–21 June 2013; see bio in section IV
- Sheila E. Widnall 6 August 1993–31 October 1997
- Professor of aerospace and astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1970–1981
 - Associate provost, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1992
- F. Whitten Peters (Acting) 1 November 1997–1 August 1999
- F. Whitten Peters 2 August 1999–20 January 2001
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1969–1972
 - Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense, 1995–1997
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1997–1999

- James G. Roche 1 June 2001–20 January 2005
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1960–1983
 - Democratic Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, 1983–1984 [See AF bio]
 - Northrup Grumman Corporation, 1984–2001 (corporate vice president and president, Electronic Sensors & Systems Sector, 1996–2001)
- Peter B. Teets (Acting) 20 January 2005–25 March 2005
- Director, National Reconnaissance Office, 2001–2005
- Michael Montelongo (Acting) 25 March 2005–28 March 2005
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1977–1996
 - Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), 2001–2005
- Michael L. Dominguez (Acting) 28 March 2005–29 July 2005
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1975–1980
 - Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), 2001–2006
- Preston M. Geren (Acting) 29 July 2005–4 November 2005
- Secretary of the Army, 16 July 2007–21 September 2009; see bio in section IV
- Michael W. Wynne 4 November 2005–5 June 2008
- Served in the U.S. Air Force, 1966–1973
 - General manager, space launch systems, Lockheed Martin Astronautics, 1994–1997
 - Senior vice president, General Dynamics, 1997–1999
 - Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), 2001–2005
 - Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), 2003–2005
- Michael B. Donley (Acting) 9 June 2008–1 October 2008
- Michael B. Donley 2 October 2008–21 June 2013
- Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, 1981–1984
 - National Security Council staff, 1984–1989
 - Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), 1989–1993
 - Acting Secretary of the Air Force, 1993
 - Director of Administration and Management, 2005–2008
- Eric K. Fanning (Acting) 24 June 2013–19 December 2013
- Secretary of the Army, 18 May 2016–20 January 2017; see bio in section IV
- Deborah Lee James 20 December 2013–20 January 2017
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), 1993–1998
 - Vice president, international operations and marketing, United Technologies, 1999–2000
 - Executive vice president and chief operating officer, Business Executives for National Security, 2000–2001

- Science Applications International Corporation, 2002–2013 (president, Technical and Engineering Sector, 2013)
- Lisa Disbrow (Acting) 20 January 2017–16 May 2017
- Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management) and Comptroller, 2014–2015
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 24 February 2016–30 June 2017
- Heather A. Wilson 16 May 2017–31 May 2019
- Defense Planning Officer, Office of Defense Plans, U.S. Mission to NATO, 1987–1989
 - National Security Council staff, 1989–1991
 - U.S. Representative (R-NM), 1998–2009
 - President, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 2013–2017
- Matthew P. Donovan (Acting) 1 June 2019–2 November 2019
- Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), 26 March 2020–19 January 2021; see bio in section V
- Barbara M. Barrett 2 November 2019–Present
- Senior Adviser, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, 2006
 - Ambassador to Finland, 2008–2009
 - Chairman of the board, The Aerospace Corporation, 2013–2018

VI. UNDER SECRETARIES AND DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

Public Law 95-140, 21 October 1977, disestablished the second Deputy Secretary of Defense position and created the position of Under Secretary of Defense at a level immediately below the Deputy Secretary of Defense. The Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) and the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) were the two initial appointees to this rank, with the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) replacing the Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017, PL 114-328, 23 December 2016, reestablished an Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and created an Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment. A 13 July 2018 memorandum from the Deputy Secretary of Defense finalized the organizational structures, roles, and responsibilities of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

Section 906 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018, PL 115-91, 12 December 2017, renamed the Principal Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense to Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense.

RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

Public Law 95-140, 21 October 1977, created the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) to replace the Director of Defense Research and Engineering. In 1986 the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) succeeded the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering).

The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017, PL 114-328, 23 December 2016, reestablished the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering). As codified in section 133(a) of United States Code Title 10 and finalized in the Deputy Secretary of Defense's memorandum of 13 July 2018, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering serves as the principal staff assistant and adviser to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense on all research and engineering matters, and as the chief technical officer of the Department with the mission of advancing technology and innovation.

Chairman, Research and Development Board

The National Security Act of 1947, PL 80-253, 26 July 1947, established the board. Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, dissolved it and divided its functions between the newly established Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering).

Vannevar Bush	30 September 1947–14 October 1948
Karl T. Compton	15 October 1948–14 March 1950
William Webster	15 March 1950–31 July 1951
Walter G. Whitman	1 August 1951–29 June 1953

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development)

Donald A. Quarles	1 September 1953–14 August 1955
Clifford C. Furnas	1 December 1955–15 February 1957

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering)

Frank D. Newbury 18 August 1953–17 March 1957

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering)

DoD Directive 5129.1, 18 March 1957, established the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) to replace and combine the functions of the Assistant Secretary positions for Research and Development and Applications Engineering.

Frank D. Newbury 18 March 1957–17 May 1957

Paul D. Foote 10 September 1957–31 October 1958

Director of Defense Research and Engineering

The Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1958, PL 85-599, 6 August 1958, retitled the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) as the Director of Defense Research and Engineering. The redesignated position came with increased authorities and represented an upgrade in rank above all assistant secretaries of defense.

Herbert F. York 30 December 1958–30 April 1961

Harold Brown 8 May 1961–30 September 1965

John S. Foster Jr. 1 October 1965–21 June 1973

Malcolm R. Currie 21 June 1973–20 January 1977

William J. Perry 11 April 1977–21 October 1977

Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering)

William J. Perry 21 October 1977–20 January 1981

- Secretary of Defense, 3 February 1994–24 January 1997; see bio in section II

Walter B. Laberge (Acting). 21 January 1981–10 March 1981

- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1943–1947
- Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Research and Development), 1973–1975
- Under Secretary of the Army, 1977–1980
- Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), 1980–1984

James P. Wade Jr. (Acting) 11 March 1981–6 May 1981

- See bio below

Richard D. Delauer 6 May 1981–30 November 1984

- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1943–1958
- Thompson Ramo Wooldridge Incorporated (TRW Inc., since 1965), 1958–1981 (executive vice president, 1970–1981)

James P. Wade Jr. (Acting) 1 December 1984–5 July 1985

- Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy), 1978–1981
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Development and Support), 1984–1985
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Logistics), 1985–1986

- Donald A. Hicks 2 August 1985–10 October 1986
- Physicist, Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, 1954–1956
 - Head, Applied Physics Section, Aerospace Group, The Boeing Company, 1956–1961
 - Northrop Corporation, 1961–1985 (senior vice president, marketing and technology (1979–1985))

Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114-328, 23 December 2016, amended chapter 4 of United States Code Title 10 by codifying as section 133(a) the position of Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

- Michael D. Griffin. 20 February 2018–10 July 2020
- President and chief operating officer, In-Q-Tel, Inc., 2002–2004
 - Director, Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University, 2004–2005
 - Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2005–2009
 - Chairman and chief executive officer, Shafer Corporation, 2012–2018

Michael Kratsios (Acting). 13 July 2020–Present

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, PL 115-91, 12 December 2017, redesignated the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. Effective 1 February 2018, section 137(a) of United States Code Title 10 was amended by designating one of six Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

- Lisa Porter. 2 October 2018–10 July 2020
- Mark Lewis (Acting). 13 July 2020–Present

ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT

The Military Retirement Reform Act of 1986, PL 99-348, 1 July 1986, established the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition). DoD Directive 5134.1, 10 February 1987, assigned the responsibilities, functions, and authorities of the position. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, PL 103-160, 30 November 1993, changed the title to Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology). The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, PL 106-65, 5 October 1999, redesignated the position as Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics). The Under Secretary served as the principal assistant to the Secretary of Defense for research and development, production, procurement, logistics, and military construction.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114-328, 23 December 2016, disestablished the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) and created the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment). As codified at section 133(b) of United States Code Title 10 and finalized in the Deputy Secretary of Defense’s memorandum of 13 July 2018, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment) serves as the principal adviser to the Secretary on acquisition and sustainment in the Department.

Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition)

- Richard P. Godwin 30 September 1986–30 September 1987
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1943–1946
 - Atomic Energy Commission, 1947–1959 (Assistant Director, Division of Reactor Development, 1959)
 - United States Maritime Administration, 1959–1961
 - Bechtel, Inc., 1961–1986 (president, Bechtel Civil and Minerals, Inc., 1980–1986)
- Robert B. Costello. 18 December 1987–12 May 1989
- Served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1944–1978
 - General Motors Corporation, 1960–1986
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics), 1987
- John A. Betti 11 August 1989–31 December 1990
- Chrysler Corporation, 1952–1962
 - Ford Motor Company, 1962–1989 (executive vice president, diversified products operations, 1988–1989)
- Donald J. Yockey (Acting) 1 January 1991–20 June 1991
- Donald J. Yockey 20 June 1991–20 January 1993
- Served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, 1944–1966
 - Rockwell International Corporation, 1966–1988 (corporate senior vice president, 1986–1988)
 - Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Acquisition), 1990
 - Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition), 1 January 1991–20 June 1991
- John M. Deutch. 2 April 1993–29 November 1993
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 11 March 1994–10 May 1995; see bio in section III

Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology)

- John M. Deutch. 30 November 1993–11 March 1994
- Paul G. Kaminski 3 October 1994–16 May 1997
- Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), 1977–1981

Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics)

- Jacques S. Gansler 10 November 1997–5 January 2001
- Engineer, Raytheon Corporation, 1952–1962
 - Singer Corporation, 1962–1970
 - Vice president, business development, International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, 1970–1972
 - Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Materiel Acquisition), 1975–1977
 - Executive vice president and director, The Analytical Sciences Corporation, 1977–1997
- Edward C. Aldridge Jr. 10 May 2001–23 May 2003
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategic Programs), 1974–1976

- Director, Planning and Evaluation, 1976–1977
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1981–1986
 - Secretary of the Air Force, 1986–1988
- Michael W. Wynne (Acting) 23 May 2003–1 June 2005
- Secretary of the Air Force, 4 November 2005–5 June 2008; see bio in section V
- Kenneth J. Krieg 6 June 2005–20 July 2007
- Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, 2001–2003
 - Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, 2003–2005
- John J. Young Jr. (Acting) 21 July 2007–20 November 2007
- John J. Young Jr. 21 November 2007–20 January 2009
- Technical staff, Sandia National Laboratory, 1988–1993
 - Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, 1993–2001
 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), 2001–2005
 - Director, Defense Research and Engineering, 2005–2007
- Ashton B. “Ash” Carter 27 April 2009–6 October 2011
- Secretary of Defense, 17 February 2015–19 January 2017; see bio in section II
- Frank Kendall III (Acting) 6 October 2011–24 May 2012
- Frank Kendall III. 24 May 2012–20 January 2017
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1967–1982, and Army Reserve, 1982–1999
 - Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Strategic Defense Systems), 1986–1989
 - Director of Tactical Warfare Programs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1989–1994
 - Vice President of Engineering, Raytheon Company, 1994–1996
 - Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), 2010–2012

Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114-328, 23 December 2016, disestablished the position of Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and amended chapter 4 of United States Code Title 10 by codifying as section 133(b) the position of Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

- Ellen M. Lord 1 August 2017–Present
- Textron Systems Corporation, 1984–2017 (president and chief executive officer, 2012–2017)

Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987, PL 99-661, 14 November 1986, established a statutory position called Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition). The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, PL 103-160, 30 November 1993, changed the title to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology). DoD Directive 5134.14, 29 December

2010, designated the position as Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

Milton Lohr 3 October 1988–12 May 1989
Donald J. Yockey 12 March 1990–3 December 1990
Donald C. Fraser 4 December 1991–13 January 1993

Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology)

Noel Longuemare Jr. 18 November 1993–21 November 1997
David Oliver 1 June 1998–14 July 2001
Michael W. Wynne 17 July 2001–3 November 2005
James I. Finley 1 March 2006–20 January 2009

Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics)

Frank Kendall III. 5 March 2010–24 May 2012
Alan F. Estevez (Acting). 4 June 2012–29 October 2013
Alan F. Estevez 30 November 2013–20 January 2017

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, PL 115-91, 12 December 2017, redesignated the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. Effective 1 February 2018, section 137(c) of United States Code Title 10 was amended by designating one of six Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

Alan R. Shaffer 16 January 2019–Present

POLICY

Established by PL 95-140, 21 October 1977. DoD Directive 5111.1, 27 October 1978, described the position's responsibilities and mission. The Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) is the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense for all matters pertaining to the formulation of national security and defense policy and the integration and oversight of DoD policy and plans to achieve national security objectives.

Under Secretary of Defense (Policy)

Stanley R. Resor 14 August 1978–1 April 1979
 • Secretary of the Army, 5 July 1965–30 June 1971; see bio in section V
Robert W. Komer 24 October 1979–20 January 1981
 • Served in the U.S. Army, 1943–1946
 • Intelligence analyst, Central Intelligence Agency, 1947–1961
 • National Security Council staff, 1961–1965
 • Ambassador to Turkey, 1968–1969

- Fred C. Iklé 2 April 1981–19 February 1988
- Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1964–1967
 - Social Science Department head, RAND Corporation, 1967–1973
 - Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1973–1977
- Paul D. Wolfowitz 15 May 1989–19 January 1993
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 2 March 2001–13 May 2005; see bio in section III
- Frank T. Wisner 6 July 1993–9 June 1994
- Foreign Service Officer, 1961–1997
 - Under Secretary of State for International Security Affairs, 1992–1993
- Walter B. Slocombe 15 September 1994–19 January 2001
- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), 1977–1979
 - Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy Planning), 1979–1981
 - Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 1993–1994
- Douglas J. Feith 16 July 2001–8 August 2005
- National Security Council staff, 1981–1982
 - Special Counsel to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), 1982–1984
 - Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Negotiations Policy), 1984–1986
 - Managing attorney, Feith & Zell, PC, 1986–2001
- Eric S. Edelman 9 February 2006–20 January 2009
- Foreign Service Officer, 1992–2001; 2003–2005
 - Ambassador to Finland, 1998–2001
 - Principal Deputy Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs, 2001–2003
 - Ambassador to Turkey, 2003–2005
- Michèle Flournoy 9 February 2009–30 January 2012
- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Threat Reduction) and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy), 1993–1998
 - Research professor, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, 1998–2000
 - Senior advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2000–2006
 - President and cofounder, Center for a New American Security, 2007–2009
- James N. Miller Jr. (Acting) 1 February 2012–23 May 2012
- James N. Miller Jr. 24 May 2012–8 January 2013
- Professional Staff Member, House Armed Services Committee, 1988–1992
 - Professor of Public Policy, Duke University, 1992–1997
 - Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Requirements, Plans, and Counterproliferation Policy), 1997–2000
 - Senior vice president, Center for a New American Security, 2007–2009
 - Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 2009–2012
- Christine Wormuth 23 June 2014–10 June 2016
- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas Security Affairs), 2009–2010

- Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense, 2010–2012
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Force Development), 2012–2013

Brian McKeon (Acting) 11 June 2016–20 January 2017

- Chief counsel, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 1997–2009
- Deputy National Security Advisor, 2009–2012

Robert Story Karem (Acting) 20 January 2017–10 October 2017

- Middle East policy adviser, Vice President's National Security Council staff, 2005–2009
- National security adviser to House Majority Leaders, 2011–2015
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) , 2017–2018

David J. Trachtenberg (Acting). 17 October 2017–3 January 2018

- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy), 2001–2003
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 2017–2019

John C. Rood. 3 January 2018–28 February 2020

- Senior vice president, Lockheed Martin International
- Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, 2006–2007
- Acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, 2007–2009

James H. Anderson (Performing the Duties Of) 29 February 2020–8 June 2020

- Dean of Academics; Deputy Director, Marine Corps War College, 2012–2015
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities), 2018–2019
- Performing the Duties of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 2019–2020
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities), 2020
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 23 July 2019–24 April 2020
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 8 June 2020–10 November 2020

James H. Anderson (Acting). 8 June 2020–10 November 2020

Anthony J. Tata (Performing the Duties Of). 10 November 2020–Present

Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy)

Established by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993, PL 102-190, 5 December 1991. DoD Directive 5111.3, 8 December 1999, designated it as Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy). The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, PL 115-91, 12 December 2017, redesignated the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

I. Lewis Libby 12 August 1992–10 January 1993

Walter B. Slocombe 1 June 1993–14 September 1994

Jan M. Lodal 3 October 1994–30 September 1998

James M. Bodner 1 October 1998–19 January 2001

Stephen A. Cambone.	25 July 2001–1 July 2002
Christopher Ryan Henry	7 February 2003–1 August 2008
James N. Miller Jr.	8 April 2009–24 May 2012
Kathleen H. Hicks.	24 May 2012–2 July 2013
Brian McKeon.	28 July 2014–20 January 2017
Theresa Whelan.	17 October 2017–30 May 2017
David J. Trachtenberg.	18 October 2017–12 December 2017

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy)

David J. Trachtenberg.	12 December 2017–3 January 2018
James H. Anderson (Performing the Duties Of).	23 July 2019–24 April 2020
Daniel Green (Performing the Duties Of).	24 April 2020–3 August 2020
James H. Anderson	8 June 2020–10 November 2020
Anthony J. Tata (Performing the Duties Of).	31 July 2020–10 November 2020
Thomas Williams (Performing the Duties Of)	10 November 2020–Present

COMPTROLLER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995, PL 103-337, 5 October 1994, raised the status of the Department of Defense Comptroller from the level of Assistant Secretary to that of Under Secretary. DoD Directive 5118.03, 20 April 2012, updated the responsibilities, functions, and authorities for this position. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer) is the principal staff assistant and adviser to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for budgetary and fiscal matters, including financial management, audit administration, accounting policy, and budget formulation and execution.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

The first Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal, assigned the comptroller function to one of three special assistants created by the National Security Act of 1947. The 1949 amendments to the National Security Act of 1947 established the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Wilfred J. McNeil	12 September 1949–1 November 1959
Franklin B. Lincoln.	2 December 1959–20 January 1961
Charles J. Hitch.	17 February 1961–31 July 1965
Robert N. Anthony	10 September 1965–31 July 1968
Robert C. Moot.	1 August 1968–9 January 1973
Don R. Brazier (Acting)	10 January 1973–20 January 1973
Terence E. McClary	21 June 1973–31 August 1976
Fred P. Wacker	1 September 1976–29 February 1980

Jack R. Borsting	12 August 1980–31 December 1982
John R. Quetsch (Acting)	1 January 1983–23 February 1983
Vincent Puritano	24 February 1983–30 May 1984
John R. Quetsch (Acting)	31 May 1984–14 August 1984
Robert W. Helm	16 August 1984–1 October 1986

Department of Defense Comptroller

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) was designated Department of Defense Comptroller in 1986 by the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act with the same status as an Assistant Secretary, although not so titled.

Robert W. Helm	1 October 1986–1 September 1988
Clyde O. Glaister	17 October 1988–22 May 1989
Sean O’Keefe	22 May 1989–7 July 1992
Donald B. Shycoff (Acting)	8 July 1992–2 April 1993
Alice Maroni (Acting)	6 May 1993–26 October 1993
John J. Hamre	26 October 1993–5 September 1994

Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/CFO)

John J. Hamre	5 September 1994–29 July 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Secretary of Defense, 29 July 1997–31 March 2000; see bio in section III
William J. Lynn III	19 November 1997–19 January 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Secretary of Defense, 12 February 2009–5 October 2011; see bio in section III
Dov S. Zakheim	3 May 2001–15 April 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Planning and Resources), 1985–1987 Vice president, System Planning Corporation, 1987–2001
Lawrence J. Lanzillotta (Acting)	15 April 2004–27 July 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Management Reform), 2002–2004
Tina W. Jonas	28 July 2004–26 September 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Budget Examiner, Office of Management and Budget, 1991–1995 Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Appropriations, 1995–2001 Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Financial Management), 2001–2002 Assistant Director and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2002–2004
Robert F. Hale	9 February 2009–27 June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served in the U.S. Navy, 1969–1972 Director, National Security Division, Congressional Budget Office, 1982–1994 Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), 1994–2001

- Executive director, American Society of Military Comptrollers, 2005–2009
- Michael J. McCord 27 June 2014–20 January 2017
- Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, 1987–2003
 - Budget Analyst, House Committee on the Budget, 2003–2004
 - Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, 2004–2009
 - Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), 2009–2014
- John P. Roth (Performing the Duties Of) 20 January 2017–1 June 2017
- Deputy Comptroller (Program/Budget), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), 2001–2017
 - Acting Principal Deputy Comptroller, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), 2014–2015
- David L. Norquist 2 June 2017–30 July 2019
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 31 July 2019–Present; see bio in section III
- Elaine A. McCusker (Acting) 31 July 2019–26 June 2020
- Thomas W. Harker (Performing the Duties Of) 27 June 2020–Present

Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/CFO)

Position established by law as one of five Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense positions in NDAA for FY 2010, PL 111-84 (28 October 2009). The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, PL 115-91, 12 December 2017, redesignated the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

- Michael J. McCord 22 June 2010–26 June 2014
- John P. Roth (Performing the Duties Of) 27 June 2014–22 December 2015
- John C. Conger 22 December 2015–20 January 2017
- Elaine A. McCusker 2 August 2017–12 December 2017

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/CFO)

- Elaine A. McCusker 12 December 2017–6 June 2020
- Vacant 27 June 2020–Present

PERSONNEL AND READINESS

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, PL 103-160, 30 November 1993, created the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness). DoD Directive 5124.02, 17 March 1994, described the position's responsibilities and mission, which included the functions of the now-abolished Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel), and established authority over the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). (See Part VIII, Assistant Secretaries of Defense.) The Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) is the principal staff assistant and adviser to the Secretary of Defense for total force management; National Guard and reserve component affairs; health affairs; readiness and training; military and civilian personnel requirements; language training; dependent education; equal opportunity; morale, welfare, and recreation; and quality-of-life matters.

Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)

- Edwin Dorn. 16 March 1994–7 July 1997
- Deputy director for research, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 1981–1990
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel), 1993–1994
- Rudy deLeon. 5 August 1997–31 March 2000
- Deputy Secretary of Defense, 31 March 2000–1 March 2001; see bio in section III
- Charles L. Cragin (Acting). 31 March 2000–23 May 2000
- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1951–1964
 - Associate, Verrill & Dana, 1970–1974
 - Partner, Verrill & Dana, 1974–1990
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), 1998–2001
- Bernard D. Rostker. 23 May 2000–19 January 2001
- Director, Selective Service System, 1979–1981
 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy, 1994–1998
 - Under Secretary of the Army, 1998–2000
- Charles L. Cragin (Acting). 20 January 2001–31 May 2001
- David S. C. Chu. 1 June 2001–20 January 2009
- Served in the U.S. Army, 1968–1970
 - Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation, 1981–1988
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation), 1988–1993
 - Director, RAND Washington Office, 1994–1998
- Gail McGinn (Performing the Duties Of). 21 January 2009–8 February 2010
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Plans), 2002–2010
- Clifford L. Stanley. 9 February 2010–26 October 2011
- Served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1969–2002
 - President, Scholarship America, 2004–2009
- Jo Ann Rooney (Acting). 27 October 2011–24 May 2012
- Chief counsel, The Lyons Companies, 1996–2002
 - President, Spalding University, 2002–2010
 - Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), 2011–2012
- Erin C. Conaton. 24 May 2012–31 December 2012
- Professional Staff Member, House Armed Services Committee, 2001–2010
 - Under Secretary of the Air Force, 2010–2012
- Jessica L. Wright. 27 June 2014–20 March 2015
- Served in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, 1975–2010
 - Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), 2012–2013
- Brad R. Carson (Acting). 2 April 2015–8 April 2016
- U.S. Representative (D-OK), 2001–2005
 - Under Secretary of the Army, 2014–2015

Peter Levine	11 April 2016–20 January 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate, Crowell & Moring, 1983–1987 • Counsel to Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), 1995–1996 • Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, 1996–2015 • Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense, 2015–2016 	
Anthony Kurta (Performing the Duties Of)	20 January 2017–21 November 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy), 2014–2019 	
Robert L. Wilkie	21 November 2017–30 March 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), 2006–2009 • Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), 2006–2009 • Vice president, CH2M Hill Companies Ltd., 2010–2015 • Senior Advisor, Senator Thom Tillis, 2015–2017 	
Stephanie Barna (Performing the Duties Of)	30 March 2018–25 October 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management), 2014–2015 • Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), 2015–2016 	
James Stewart (Performing the Duties Of)	25 October 2018–28 December 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), 2018–2019 	
Matthew P. Donovan (Performing the Duties Of)	28 December 2019–2 March 2020
Alexis L. Ross (Performing the Duties Of)	2 March 2020–26 March 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Assistant Secretary (Strategy and Acquisition Reform), Department of the Army, 2018–2019 • Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 2019–Present 	
Matthew P. Donovan	26 March 2020–Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, 2015–2017 • Majority Policy Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, 2017 • Under Secretary of the Air Force, 2017–2019 • Acting Secretary of the Air Force, 1 June 2019–2 November 2019 	

Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, PL 107-107, 25 December 2001, established the position. DoD Directive 5124.08, 16 July 2003, added the word “Principal” to the official title. DoD Directive 5124.08, 3 April 2020, updated the responsibilities, relationships, and authorities of the position and documented the change of name to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

Charles S. Abell	14 November 2002–January 2006
Michael L. Dominguez	11 July 2006–20 January 2009
William J. Carr (Acting)	January 2009–December 2010
Jo Ann Rooney	2 June 2011–24 May 2012
Laura Junor	31 July 2014–May 2015

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)

William G. Bushman (Performing the Duties Of) 29 June 2019–Present

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

The Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, PL 107-314, 2 December 2002, established this position. DoD Directive 5143.01, 24 October 2014, detailed the position's responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities. DoD Directive 5143.01, incorporating Change 2, 6 April 2020, updated the position's description and changed the name to Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence and Security). The Under Secretary (Intelligence and Security) is the principal staff assistant and adviser to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for intelligence, counterintelligence, security, sensitive activities, and related matters.

Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)

Stephen A. Cambone. 10 March 2003–31 December 2006

- Director, Strategic Defense Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 1990–1993
- Senior fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1993–1998
- Director of research, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, 1998–2000
- Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), 2001–2002

James Clapper 15 April 2007–9 August 2010

- Served in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force, 1963–1995
- Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, 1991–1995
- Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, 2001–2006
- Director of National Intelligence, 2010–2017

Michael G. Vickers (Acting). 28 January 2011–17 March 2011

Michael G. Vickers 17 March 2011–30 April 2015

- Served in the U.S. Army, 1973–1986
- Senior vice president, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, 1996–2007
- Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities), 2007–2011

Marcel Lettre (Acting) 1 May 2015–16 December 2015

Marcel Lettre. 5 February 2016–20 January 2017

- Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, 2011–2013
- Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), 2013–2015
- Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), 1 May 2015–16 December 2015

Todd Lowery (Performing the Duties Of) 20 January 2017–1 June 2017

- Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) 2011–2014
- Performed the Duties of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), 2015–2017

Kari A. Bingen (Acting) 2 June 2017–21 November 2017

- Policy Director, House Armed Services Committee, 2013–2017
- Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), 2 June 2017–20 December 2019

Joseph D. Kernan 21 November 2017–20 December 2019

- Served in the U.S. Navy, 1981–2013
- Deputy Commander, U.S. Southern Command, 2011–2013
- Vice president, SAP National Security Services Inc., 2013–2017

Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence and Security)

Section 1621(a)(1) of PL 116-92, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, 20 December 2019, redesignated the position as the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence and Security).

Joseph D. Kernan 20 December 2019–10 November 2020

Ezra Cohen-Watnick (Acting). 10 November 2020–Present

Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, PL 111-84, 28 October 2009, established this position as one of five Principal Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense.

Thomas A. Ferguson April 2007–September 2013

Marcel Lettre. 1 November 2013–5 February 2016

Todd Lowery (Performing the Duties Of) 5 February 2016–2 June 2017

Kari A. Bingen 2 June 2017–12 December 2017

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)

Kari A. Bingen 12 December 2017–20 December 2019

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence and Security)

Section 1621(b)(1) of PL 116-92, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, 20 December 2019, redesignated the position as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence and Security).

Kari A. Bingen 20 December 2019–10 January 2020

Ralph Cacci (Performing the Duties Of) 10 January 2020–Present

VII. SPECIFIED OFFICIALS

Congress has created several positions over time that today fall in rank between the Under Secretaries of Defense and Assistant Secretaries of Defense. These positions are all presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed (PAS) and report directly to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

The Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act (WSARA) of 2009 established the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE). The origins of the office date to 1961 with the establishment of the Office of Systems Analysis, which became the Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation in 1973. The Director is the principal staff assistant and adviser to the Secretary of Defense and other senior Defense officials for independent cost assessment and program evaluation, including review of cost estimates and analysis of alternatives to support military acquisition decisions.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Systems Analysis)

DoD Directive 5141.1, 17 September 1965, established the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Systems Analysis).

Alain C. Enthoven	10 September 1965–20 January 1969
Ivan Selin (Acting)	31 January 1969–30 January 1970
Gardiner L. Tucker	30 January 1970–30 March 1973

Director of Defense Program Analysis and Evaluation

By administrative action, on 11 April 1973, Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson announced the position title changed to Director of Defense Program and Evaluation.

Leonard Sullivan	21 May 1973–11 February 1974
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Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation)

Position title changed to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation) on 11 February 1974. The responsibilities and mission were described in DoD Directive 5141.1, 29 March 1974.

Leonard Sullivan	11 February 1974–23 February 1976
Edward C. Aldridge Jr. (Acting)	23 February 1976–18 May 1976

Director for Planning and Evaluation

On 18 May 1976 Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld eliminated the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation) and in its place established a Director for Planning and Evaluation.

Edward C. Aldridge Jr.	18 May 1976–11 March 1977
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Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation)

On 28 April 1977, the position of Director for Planning and Evaluation became Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation). DoD Directive 5141.1, 29 November 1978, detailed the position's responsibilities and mission.

Russell Murray II 28 April 1977–20 January 1981

Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger downgraded the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation) to Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation in May 1981.

David S. C. Chu 19 May 1981–13 July 1988

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989, PL 100-180, 4 December 1987, increased the number of Assistant Secretaries of Defense to 12 until 20 January 1989. Position redesignated Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation) on 13 July 1989.

David S. C. Chu 13 July 1988–20 January 1993

Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin downgraded the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation) to Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation in 1993.

William J. Lynn III 25 June 1993–19 November 1997

Robert R. Soule 1 July 1998–27 April 2001

Barry D. Watts 1 May 2001–1 July 2002

Stephen A. Cambone 1 July 2002–7 March 2003

Kenneth J. Krieg 23 July 2003–6 June 2005

Bradley M. Berkson 6 June 2005–3 April 2009

Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation

The Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act (WSARA), P.L. 111-23, 22 May 2009, established the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) and transferred the staff of the former Program Analysis and Evaluation office to CAPE. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) issued Directive-Type Memorandum 09-027 on 4 December 2009 to further implement those select requirements of WSARA applicable to the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation.

Christine H. Fox 30 September 2009–28 June 2013

Jamie Morin 25 June 2014–20 January 2017

Robert Daigle 20 January 2017–18 May 2019

E. Y. (Yisroel) Brumer (Acting)	18 May 2019–16 August 2019
John E. Whitley (Acting)	16 August 2019–13 March 2020
John E. Whitley (Performing the Duties Of)	13 March 2020–4 May 2020
Joseph Nogueira (Acting)	4 May 2020–Present

GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Position originated as the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legal and Legislative Affairs), one of three Special Assistants to the Secretary of Defense authorized by the National Security Act of 1947, PL 80-253, 26 July 1947. Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, established the position by title. DoD Directive 5145.01, 24 August 1953, established positional responsibilities and mission. The General Counsel serves as the chief legal officer of the Department of Defense, advising both the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense on all legal matters and services. The General Counsel also develops the Department's legislative program, establishes policy on specific legal problems, maintains the repository for all international agreements of the Department, and serves as Director of the Defense Legal Services Agency.

General Counsel

H. Struve Hensel	17 August 1953–4 March 1954
Wilber M. Brucker	23 April 1954–20 July 1955
Mansfield D. Sprague	6 October 1955–27 February 1957
Robert Dechert	28 February 1957–15 July 1959
J. Vincent Burke Jr.	14 September 1959–20 January 1961
Cyrus R. Vance	29 January 1961–30 June 1962
John T. McNaughton	5 July 1962–25 June 1964
Paul C. Warnke	3 October 1966–31 July 1967
Leonard Niederlehner (Acting)	1 August 1967–19 August 1970
J. Fred Buzhardt Jr.	20 August 1970–4 January 1974
Martin R. Hoffmann	14 March 1974–5 August 1975
Leonard Niederlehner (Acting)	6 August 1975–1 January 1976
Richard A. Wiley	2 January 1976–15 January 1977
Deanne C. Siemer	28 April 1977–15 October 1979
Togo D. West Jr.	1 February 1980–20 January 1981
William H. Taft IV	2 April 1981–2 February 1984
Chapman B. Cox	3 May 1984–16 December 1985
H. Lawrence Garrett III	5 February 1986–6 August 1987
Kathleen A. Buck	12 November 1987–30 December 1988
Terrence O'Donnell	30 October 1989–6 March 1992

David S. Addington	12 August 1992–20 January 1993
Jamie S. Gorelick	5 May 1993–17 March 1994
Judith A. Miller	29 September 1994–7 November 1999
Douglas A. Dworkin	14 June 2000–19 January 2001
William J. Haynes II	24 May 2001–10 March 2008
Jeh C. Johnson	9 February 2009–31 December 2012
Robert Taylor (Acting)	1 January 2013–27 October 2013
Stephen W. Preston	28 October 2013–1 June 2015
Jennifer M. O'Connor	12 June 2016–20 January 2017
Paul Koffsky (Performing the Duties Of)	20 January 2017–August 2017
William S. Castle (Acting)	August 2017–13 July 2018
Paul C. Ney Jr.	13 July 2018–Present

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1983, PL 97-252, 8 September 1982, and DoD Directive 5106.1, 14 March 1983, established the Office of the Department of Defense Inspector General. The Inspector General's office replaced the office of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Review and Oversight, established in April 1981 to check fraud, waste, and abuse in procurement. That position and the Defense Audit Service, created in 1976, were dissolved when the Office of the Inspector General began operations in May 1983.

The Inspector General is an independent official who coordinates policies and makes recommendations to further economy and efficiency in administration. The Inspector General keeps the Secretary of Defense and Congress informed about problems relating to the administration of programs and the possibility of corrective action following investigation.

Inspector General

Joseph H. Sherick	2 May 1983–3 June 1986
Derek Vander Schaaf (Acting)	3 June 1986–13 November 1987
June Gibbs Brown	13 November 1987–20 October 1989
Derek Vander Schaaf (Acting)	20 October 1989–28 November 1989
Susan J. Crawford	28 November 1989–19 November 1991
Derek Vander Schaaf (Acting)	19 November 1991–28 February 1995
Eleanor J. Hill	1 March 1995–30 April 1999
Donald Mancuso (Acting)	1 May 1999–26 January 2000
Joseph E. Schmitz	2 April 2002–9 September 2005
Claude M. Kicklighter	30 April 2007–2 July 2008
Gordon S. Heddell (Acting)	2 July 2008–10 July 2009

Gordon S. Heddell	10 July 2009–24 December 2011
Lynne M. Halbrooks (Acting).	25 December 2011–21 June 2012
Jon T. Rymer	17 September 2013–8 January 2016
Glenn A. Fine (Acting)	10 January 2016–October 2019
Glenn A. Fine (Performing the Duties Of)	October 2019–7 April 2020
Sean P. O'Donnell (Acting)	8 April 2020–Present

VIII. ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

The number, titles, and duties of the Assistant Secretaries, with or without specific statutory designation, have changed over time in accordance with both congressional legislation and Department of Defense directives. The current Assistant Secretary positions are listed alphabetically by title, with their direct lineal predecessor positions (if any) listed chronologically. Former Assistant Secretary positions in a direct lineage leading to an Under Secretary position are listed with those Under Secretaries (see section VI). There are currently 14 Assistant Secretaries of Defense.

ACQUISITION

Section 906(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, PL 111-84, 28 October 2009, established this position to serve as the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) on matters relating to acquisition.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition)

Katrina G. McFarland (Acting). 1 October 2011–24 May 2012
Katrina G. McFarland. 24 May 2012–20 January 2017
Dyke Weatherington (Performing the Duties Of). 20 January 2017–14 December 2017
James A. MacStravic (Acting) 14 December 2017–18 February 2018
Kevin M. Fahey 18 February 2018–Present

ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT

Section 902 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, PL 110-417, 14 October 2008, established the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy Plans and Programs). The Assistant Secretary's duties included leading, overseeing, and providing accountability for operational energy plans and programs within the Department of Defense and the military services, as well as establishing, coordinating, and implementing the Department's operational energy strategy and advising the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense on operational energy plans, programs, and policy. Section 903 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, PL 111-84, 28 October 2009, further elaborated on the activities of this office.

On 19 December 2014, the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 merged this position with the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment). In addition to its previously established functions, the position gained responsibility for creating policies to improve facility energy efficiency, increasing renewable energy use on U.S. installations, promoting energy security, and managing environmental compliance, conservation, and clean-up programs.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy Plans and Programs)

Sharon E. Burke 25 June 2010–9 May 2014

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment)

John C. Conger (Performing the Duties Of). 20 December 2014–20 January 2017

Lucian L. Niemeyer 20 January 2017–Present

HEALTH AFFAIRS

Chairman, Armed Forces Medical Advisory Committee

In November 1948, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal established the Armed Forces Medical Advisory Committee, to be headed by a Chairman.

Dr. Charles P. Cooper December 1948–January 1951

Chairman, Armed Forces Medical Policy Council

On 2 January 1951, Secretary of Defense George Marshall issued a directive creating the Armed Forces Medical Policy Council, to be headed by a Chairman. This directive abolished the Armed Forces Medical Advisory Committee.

Dr. Richard L. Meiling 5 January 1951–30 June 1951

Dr. William R. Lovelace 1 July 1951–1 April 1952

Dr. Melvin A. Casberg 1 April 1952–1 April 1953

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical)

DoD Directive 5136.4, 1 April 1953, created this position and also abolished the Armed Forces Medical Policy Council.

Dr. Melvin A. Casberg 1 April 1953–2 August 1953

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical)

DoD Directive 5105.1, 30 June 1953, created the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical).

Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, through the Secretary's authority under the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1958, PL 85-599, 6 August 1958, abolished the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical) on 31 January 1961, and transferred functions to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower).

Dr. Melvin A. Casberg 3 August 1953–27 January 1954

Dr. Frank B. Berry 28 January 1954–31 January 1961

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Environment)

Position established on 23 June 1970 by DoD Directive 5136.1 after PL 91-121, 19 November 1969, designated an Assistant Secretary position for health affairs. On 22 January 1976 the position title changed to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

Dr. Louis M. Rousselot 22 July 1970–1 July 1971

Dr. Richard S. Wilbur 27 July 1971–1 September 1973

Dr. James R. Cowan 19 February 1974–1 March 1976

Vernon McKenzie (Acting) 2 March 1976–8 March 1976

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)

The Assistant Secretary is responsible for overall supervision of the health and medical affairs of DoD. Serves as the principal staff assistant and adviser to the Secretary of Defense for all DoD health policies, programs, and activities, exercising oversight of all DoD health resources. Reports to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Dr. Robert N. Smith	30 August 1976–7 January 1978
Vernon McKenzie (Acting)	8 January 1978–14 August 1979
Dr. John Moxley III	14 September 1979–9 August 1981
Dr. John Beary (Acting)	10 August 1981–24 September 1983
Vernon McKenzie (Acting)	25 September 1983–17 November 1983
Dr. William Mayer	18 November 1983–21 April 1989
Dr. Enrique Mendez	5 March 1990–20 January 1993
Dr. Edward D. Martin (Acting)	20 January 1993–23 March 1994
Dr. Stephen C. Joseph	23 March 1994–31 March 1997
Dr. Edward D. Martin (Acting)	1 April 1997–26 May 1998
Dr. Sue Bailey	26 May 1998–10 August 2000
Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr.	29 October 2001–12 April 2007
Dr. S. Ward Casscells	16 April 2007–29 April 2009
Dr. Charles Rice (Performing the Duties Of)	21 March 2010–6 September 2010
Dr. Jonathan Woodson	10 January 2011–1 May 2016
Dr. David Smith (Performing the Duties Of)	20 January 2017–23 August 2017
Thomas P. McCaffery (Acting)	23 August 2017–5 August 2019
Thomas P. McCaffery	5 August 2019–Present

HOMELAND DEFENSE AND GLOBAL SECURITY

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense)

The Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, PL 107-314, 2 December 2002, created the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense), reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy). The Assistant Secretary oversees Department of Defense homeland defense activities.

The Marine Corps called Paul F. McHale to active duty during his tenure and deployed him to Afghanistan from December 2006 until July 2007. In his absence, the Secretary of Defense never formally named an Acting Assistant Secretary in his position.

Paul F. McHale	7 February 2003–20 January 2009
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Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs)

The September 2006 reorganization of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) made the Assistant Secretary for Homeland Security the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs), connoting its responsibilities for North and South American security issues. DoD Directive 5111.13, 16 January 2009, defined the responsibilities of the position. DoD Directive 5111.13, 23 March 2018, canceled the 2009 directive and transferred responsibilities to the ASD (Homeland Defense and Global Security).

Paul N. Stockton 1 June 2009–22 January 2013

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs)

A reorganization of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), announced in September 2006 and implemented by August 2007, created the new position of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Security Affairs). Although a directive never stated the responsibilities and mission of the position, the new Assistant Secretary focused on building the defense capabilities of partners and allies, coalition affairs, technology security policy, security cooperation, counternarcotics, counterproliferation, detainee affairs, and prisoner of war/missing in action issues. DoD Directive 2060.02, 19 April 2007, described the Assistant Secretary’s responsibilities for responses to weapons of mass destruction incidents. By administrative action in 2009, the position became Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs). In 2014, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel disestablished this position to comply with section 906 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2010. He transferred the functions of the position on 9 January 2015 to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security).

Joseph A. Benkert 23 July 2008–20 January 2009
Michael Nacht 7 May 2009–20 May 2010
Kenneth Handelman (Acting) 21 May 2010–1 August 2011
Madelyn R. Creedon 2 August 2011–23 July 2014

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security)

In order to comply with section 906 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, PL 111-84, 28 October 2009, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel eliminated the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs) and transferred responsibility for cyberspace, space, and countering weapons of mass destruction policies to the new Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security).

Eric Rosenbach 23 September 2014–6 July 2015
Thomas F. Atkin 5 November 2014–20 January 2017
Kenneth Rapuano 19 June 2017–Present

INDO-ASIAN SECURITY AFFAIRS

The reorganization of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), announced in September 2006, resulted in the creation of the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs). A Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense under the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) had performed the functions of the position prior to the reorganization.

On 21 February 2019, the name of the position changed to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Indo-Pacific Security Affairs).

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs)

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates established this position under the authority provided to him by United States Code, Title 10, section 138.

James J. Shinn.	19 December 2007–14 November 2008
Mitchell Shivers (Acting)	14 November 2008–20 January 2009
Wallace Gregson	13 May 2009–1 April 2011
Peter R. Lavoy (Acting)	2 April 2011–8 May 2012
Mark W. Lippert	9 May 2012–24 April 2013
Peter R. Lavoy (Acting)	1 May 2013–10 January 2014
David Shear.	17 July 2014–20 January 2017
David Helvey (Acting)	20 January 2017–29 December 2017
Randall G. Schriver.	29 December 2017–20 February 2019

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Indo-Pacific Security Affairs)

On 21 February 2019, David Norquist, Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, approved a request from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) to rename the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs) to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Indo-Pacific Security Affairs).

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Indo-Pacific Security Affairs) serves as the principal adviser to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) and the Secretary of Defense on international security strategy and policy issues involving the nations and international organizations of the Asia-Pacific region. It oversees security cooperation programs and foreign military sales programs in the regions under its supervision in close cooperation with U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Central Command. The Assistant Secretary represents the Department of Defense in interagency policy deliberations and international negotiations related to the Asia-Pacific region.

Randall G. Schriver.	21 February 2019–31 December 2019
David Helvey (Acting)	1 January 2020–29 July 2020
David Helvey (Performing the Duties Of)	30 July 2020–Present

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)

Between 1947 and 1949, one of the three Special Assistants to the Secretary of Defense established by the National Security Act of 1947, PL 80-253, 26 July 1947, handled international security affairs. In 1949, the Secretary of Defense created the position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).

John H. Ohly.	27 March 1949–1 December 1949
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Maj. Gen. James H. Burns, USA	6 December 1949–27 August 1951
Frank C. Nash	28 August 1951–10 February 1953

Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)

Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, authorized six new Assistant Secretaries of Defense. The position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) became Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs). The Assistant Secretary reported to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) when that office came into existence in 1977. The scope of the Assistant Secretary's responsibilities narrowed and changed over the years as other Assistant Secretary positions were established in the office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), beginning with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy) in 1981.

Frank C. Nash	11 February 1953–28 February 1954
H. Struve Hensel	5 March 1954–30 June 1955
Gordon Gray	14 July 1955–27 February 1957
Mansfield D. Sprague	28 February 1957–3 October 1958
John N. Irwin II.	4 October 1958–20 January 1961
Paul H. Nitze	29 January 1961–29 November 1963
William P. Bundy	29 November 1963–14 March 1964
John T. McNaughton	1 July 1964–19 July 1967
Paul C. Warnke	1 August 1967–15 February 1969
G. Warren Nutter	4 March 1969–30 January 1973
Lawrence Eagleburger (Acting)	31 January 1973–10 May 1973
Robert C. Hill	11 May 1973–5 January 1974
Ray Peet (Acting)	6 January 1974–1 April 1974
Amos A. Jordan (Acting)	2 April 1974–4 June 1974
Robert F. Ellsworth	5 June 1974–22 December 1975
Amos A. Jordan (Acting)	23 December 1975–5 May 1976
Eugene V. McAuliffe	6 May 1976–1 April 1977
David E. McGiffert	4 April 1977–20 January 1981
Francis J. West Jr.	4 April 1981–1 April 1983
Richard L. Armitage (Acting)	2 April 1983–5 June 1983
Richard L. Armitage	5 June 1983–5 June 1989
Henry S. Rowen	26 June 1989–31 July 1991
James R. Lilley	12 December 1991–20 January 1993

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Regional Security Affairs)

DoD Directive 5111.7, 6 July 1993, established the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Regional Security Affairs), which received some functions from the abolished position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs). The title of this position reverted to Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) on 11 April 1994.

Charles Freeman 6 July 1993–11 April 1994

Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)

Charles Freeman 11 April 1994–14 September 1994

Joseph S. Nye Jr. 15 September 1994–16 December 1995

Franklin D. Kramer 29 March 1996–16 February 2001

Peter W. Rodman 16 July 2001–2 March 2007

Mary Beth Long (Acting) 2 March 2007–21 December 2007

Mary Beth Long 21 December 2007–20 January 2009

Alexander R. Vershbow 7 April 2009–10 February 2012

Joseph McMillan (Acting) 11 February 2012–23 May 2012

Derek H. Chollet 24 May 2012–16 January 2015

Elissa S. Slotkin (Acting) 19 January 2015–20 January 2017

Robert Story Kareem 2 June 2017–4 November 2018

Kathryn Wheelbarger (Performing the Duties Of) 5 November 2018–4 July 2020

Michael C. Ryan (Performing the Duties Of) 5 July 2020–31 August 2020

Michael Cutrone (Performing the Duties Of) 1 September 2020–Present

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Special Assistant (Legal and Legislative Affairs)

One of the three Special Assistants to the Secretary of Defense established by the National Security Act of 1947, PL 80-253, 26 July 1947. Handled legal and legislative affairs between 1947 and 1949.

Marx Leva 18 September 1947–11 September 1949

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legal and Legislative Affairs)

Position assigned to one of three Assistant Secretaries authorized by the 1949 amendments to the National Security Act, PL 81-216, 10 August 1949, and retitled Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legal and Legislative Affairs).

Position abolished by Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, and functions divided and transferred to the General Counsel and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative and Public Affairs). See section IX, Principal Staff Assistants, Public Affairs.

Marx Leva 12 September 1949–1 May 1951

Daniel K. Edwards 3 May 1951–19 November 1951
 Charles A. Coolidge 20 November 1951–31 December 1952

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)

Position created by Deputy Secretary of Defense Reuben B. Robertson Jr. with a memorandum on 21 February 1957.

Clarence J. Hauck Jr. 1 April 1957–1 April 1959
 George W. Vaughan. 1 April 1959–1 March 1960
 James D. Hittle 1 March 1960–1 November 1960
 Norman S. Paul 25 January 1961–30 June 1962
 David E. McGiffert 8 August 1962–30 June 1965
 Jack L. Stempler 13 December 1965–4 January 1970
 Richard G. Capen Jr. 5 January 1970–1 May 1971
 Rady A. Johnson 2 May 1971–10 March 1973
 George L.J. Dalferes (Acting). 17 March 1973–17 April 1973

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson elevated the position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) on 11 April 1973.

John O. Marsh. 17 April 1973–15 February 1974
 John M. Maury 12 April 1974–28 February 1976
 William K. Brehm. 19 March 1976–20 January 1977

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown redesignated the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) on 23 March 1977.

Jack L. Stempler 23 March 1977–19 January 1981

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger reestablished the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). The Department of Defense issued Directive 5142.1 on 2 July 1982 describing the responsibilities and mission.

Russell A. Rourke 6 May 1981–8 December 1985
 M.D.B. Carlisle. 4 August 1986–28 April 1989
 David J. Gribbin III. 22 May 1989–18 January 1993

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin downgraded the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) to an Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs).

Sandra K. Stuart 1 August 1993–15 September 1994

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, PL 103-160, 30 November 1993, gave statutory standing to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). This is the principal staff assistant to the Secretary of Defense for DoD relations with members of Congress, the liaison for testimony at congressional hearings, and the coordinator of the Department's legislative program.

Sandra K. Stuart 15 September 1994–27 February 1999

John K. Veroneau (Acting) 2 March 1999–10 November 1999

John K. Veroneau 10 November 1999–16 February 2001

Powell A. Moore 4 May 2001–1 December 2004

Daniel B. Stanley (Acting) 1 December 2004–30 June 2005

Daniel B. Stanley 30 June 2005–1 January 2006

Robert L. Wilkie (Acting) 31 January 2006–29 September 2006

Robert L. Wilkie 29 September 2006–20 January 2009

Elizabeth L. King 7 May 2009–31 December 2014

Michael J. Stella (Acting) 2 January 2015–1 April 2015

Stephen Hedger 1 April 2015–1 July 2016

Tressa Guenov (Acting) 1 July 2016–20 January 2017

Pete Giambastiani (Acting) 20 January 2017–31 July 2017

Robert R. Hood 1 August 2017–24 July 2020

Ann T. Johnson (Acting) 27 July 2020–Present

MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration and Public Affairs)

Position established as one of the three Assistant Secretary posts authorized by the National Security Act Amendments of 1949, PL 81-216, 10 August 1949.

Paul H. Griffith 12 September 1949–15 November 1950

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel)

Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall established this position in late 1950 when he abolished the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration and Public Affairs).

Anna M. Rosenberg 15 November 1950–20 January 1953

John A. Hannah 11 February 1953–31 July 1954
 Carter L. Burgess 24 September 1954–September 1955

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Personnel and Reserve)

On 22 September 1955, Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson redesignated the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel) as Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Personnel, and Reserve).

Carter L. Burgess September 1955–22 January 1957
 William H. Francis 19 April 1957–24 May 1958
 Charles O. Finucane 15 July 1958–19 January 1961

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower)

DoD Directive 5120.27, 31 January 1961, redesignated the position as Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower).

Carlisle P. Runge 17 February 1961–30 July 1962
 Norman S. Paul 8 August 1962–30 September 1965
 Thomas D. Morris 1 October 1965–31 August 1967
 Alfred B. Fitt 21 December 1967–31 December 1967

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

The Reserve Forces Bill of Rights and Vitalization Act, PL 90-168, 1 January 1968, changed the title to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

Alfred B. Fitt 1 January 1968–20 February 1969
 Roger T. Kelley 3 March 1969–1 June 1973
 Carl W. Clewlow (Acting) 1 June 1973–1 September 1973
 William K. Brehm 1 September 1973–18 March 1976
 David P. Taylor 2 July 1976–12 February 1977

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics)

DoD Directive 5124.1, 20 April 1977, mandated that the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) assume all functions of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics). See section X, Former and Disestablished Positions; Supply, Logistics, and Installations.

John P. White 12 May 1977–31 October 1978
 Robert B. Pirie Jr. 17 June 1979–20 January 1981
 Lawrence J. Korb 4 May 1981–12 January 1984

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Installations and Logistics)

The Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1984, PL 98-94, 24 September 1983, changed the title of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Installations, and Logistics). The reserve affairs functions transferred to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) on 1 October 1983, and installations and logistics functions transferred to the new Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Logistics), which was established 5 July 1985.

Lawrence J. Korb 12 January 1984–5 July 1985

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel)

DoD Directive 5124.2, 13 March 1985, established the position with a new title, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel). The position assumed manpower duties only on 5 July 1985.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, PL 103-160, 30 November 1993, abolished the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) and created the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness). DoD Directive 5124.2, 17 March 1994, spelled out the Under Secretary's duties, including authority over the Assistant Secretaries for Health Affairs and Reserve Affairs.

Lawrence J. Korb 5 July 1985–31 August 1985

Chapman B. Cox 7 December 1985–8 July 1987

Grant S. Green 3 February 1988–5 March 1989

Christopher Jehn 20 November 1989–20 January 1993

Edwin Dorn 2 July 1993–16 March 1994

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy)

By administrative authority, Secretary of Defense William Perry established the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management) on 7 July 1994. DoD Directive 5124.5, 31 October 1994, changed the title to Force Management Policy. The new Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) took office in November 2002, abolishing this position.

Frederick F.Y. Pang 11 October 1994–15 November 1997

Francis M. Rush Jr. (Acting) 15 November 1997–12 November 1999

Alphonso Maldon Jr. 12 November 1999–19 January 2001

Charles S. Abell 8 May 2001–14 November 2002

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs)

Position mandated by the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1984, PL 98-94, 24 September 1983, with functions transferred from the disestablished Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) on 1 October 1983. DoD Directive 5125.1, 12 January 1984, established this position's responsibilities and mission.

James H. Webb Jr. 3 May 1984–10 April 1987

Stephen M. Duncan	26 October 1987–20 January 1993
Deborah R. Lee	1 June 1993–11 April 1998
Charles L. Cragin (Acting)	12 April 1998–31 May 2001
Thomas F. Hall	9 October 2002–8 April 2009
Dennis M. McCarthy	25 June 2009–1 June 2011
David L. McGinnis (Acting)	1 June 2011–24 May 2012
Jessica L. Wright	24 May 2012–31 December 2012

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

The Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, PL 113-291, 19 December 2014, redesignated the position as the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

Todd A. Weiler	15 May 2016–20 January 2017
Stephanie Barna (Acting)	20 January 2017–31 July 2018
Virginia Penrod (Acting)	31 July 2018–12 October 2018
James Stewart	12 October 2018–28 December 2019
Virginia Penrod (Acting)	28 December 2019–25 July 2020
Virginia Penrod (Performing the Duties Of)	26 July 2020–Present

NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL, AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Chairman, Military Liaison Committee

The Atomic Energy Act of 1946, PL 79-585, 1 August 1946, established the Military Liaison Committee. The Secretaries of War and the Navy designated a Chairman until Congress amended the Atomic Energy Act in 1949, PL 81-347, 11 October 1949, and mandated that the President appoint a Chairman, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as well as committee members.

Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, USAF	17 July 1947–30 March 1948
Donald F. Carpenter	8 April 1948–21 September 1948
William Webster	22 September 1948–30 September 1949
Robert LeBaron	1 October 1949–1 August 1954

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy)

From 13 April 1953, the Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee also served as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy). The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987, PL 99-661, 14 November 1986, abolished the Military Liaison Committee and established the Nuclear Weapons Council, but the position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy) continued. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989, PL 100-180, 4 December 1987, formally established the position.

Herbert B. Loper	9 August 1954–14 July 1961
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Gerald W. Johnson	11 August 1961–15 September 1963
William J. Howard	2 January 1964–15 June 1966
Carl Walske	3 October 1966–15 April 1973
Donald R. Cotter	16 October 1973–17 March 1978
James P. Wade Jr.	8 August 1978–14 June 1981
James P. Wade Jr. (Acting)	15 June 1981–5 June 1982
Richard Wagner	6 June 1982–1 April 1986
Robert B. Barker	18 October 1986–29 May 1992
John Birely (Acting)	29 May 1992–6 May 1993
Harold P. Smith Jr.	1 June 1993–10 March 1996

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, PL 104-106, 10 February 1996, redesignated the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy) as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs), effective 22 February 1996.

Harold P. Smith Jr.	11 March 1996–31 January 1998
Dale E. Klein	15 November 2001–30 June 2006
Arthur T. Hopkins (Acting)	30 June 2006–8 July 2008
Frederick S. Celec	8 July 2008–19 May 2009

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs)

Section 905 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, PL 110-417, 14 October 2008, modified the status of this position to be the equivalent to that of an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Section 901 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, PL 111-383, 4 January 2011, changed the title to Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Andrew C. Weber	19 May 2009–17 October 2014
Arthur T. Hopkins (Acting)	1 January 2015–21 November 2017
Guy B. Roberts	21 November 2017–2 April 2019
Alan R. Shaffer (Performing the Duties Of)	2 April 2019–Present

READINESS

The Deputy Secretary of Defense established the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness in a memorandum of 23 May 2011. The Assistant Secretary is responsible for developing policies, providing advice, and making recommendations to the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) and the Secretary of Defense in the areas of civilian and military personnel policy, readiness, and military

community and family policy. Additionally, the Assistant Secretary oversees subordinate activities, including the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Defense Commissary Agency.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness)

Lynn C. Simpson (Performing the Duties Of) 1 April 2010–1 April 2011
Frederick E. Vollrath 18 April 2013–15 June 2014
Elizabeth Van Winkle (Performing the Duties Of) 13 November 2016–29 October 2017
Veronica B. Daigle (Acting) 29 October 2017–27 June 2019
Veronica B. Daigle 27 June 2019–31 January 2020
Thomas A. Constable (Acting) 1 February 2020–Present

SPACE POLICY

Position established by the United States Space Force Act (Subtitle D of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2020, PL 116-92) and implemented by the 29 October 2020 Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum. Reporting through the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Space Policy) represents the Secretary of Defense in interagency deliberations and international discussions on space-related matters and develops, coordinates, and oversees implementation of U.S. government and Department of Defense policy on space and space warfighting.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Space Policy)

Justin Johnson (Performing the Duties Of) 29 October 2020–Present

STRATEGY, PLANS, AND CAPABILITIES

A 9 January 2015 Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum established the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities) in accordance with section 906 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, as amended, PL 111-84, which eliminated all non-presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed Deputy Under Secretaries of Defense. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities) replaced and assumed the responsibilities of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Forces). The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities) gained responsibility for advising the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) on the development of national security and defense strategy, military planning, budgeting, and various force development, force management, and corporate processes. This position also assumed responsibility for security cooperation and nuclear and missile defense policy missions that were previously managed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict) and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs).

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities)

Robert Scher January 2015–January 2017
Thomas Harvey (Acting) 20 January 2017–30 August 2018
James H. Anderson 30 August 2018–20 July 2019
Victorino Mercado (Performing the Duties Of) 20 July 2019–2 March 2020
James H. Anderson 3 February 2020–8 June 2020

Victorino Mercado8 June 2020–Present

SUSTAINMENT

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, PL 106-65, 5 October 1999, created the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness as a second Deputy Under Secretary reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics). Congress intended to emphasize the importance of these functions by making this position the top adviser to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) on logistics and materiel readiness issues.

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness)

Roger W. Kallock 15 September 2000–19 January 2001

Diane Morales.....17 July 2001–2 January 2004

Phillip Jackson Bell..... 8 August 2005–28 April 2009

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness)

Alan F. Estevez 8 August 2011–29 October 2013

David J. Berteau 16 December 2015–26 March 2016

Kristin French (Acting)..... 20 July 2016–16 October 2016

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment)

Robert H. McMahon 17 October 2018–22 November 2019

Peter Potochney (Acting)23 November 2019–30 March 2020

William Jordan Gillis 30 March 2020–Present

IX. PRINCIPAL STAFF ASSISTANTS

The following positions report directly to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, and include Office of the Secretary of Defense Directors or equivalents. The position descriptions note whether the post is presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed (PAS), or a Secretary of Defense appointment that does not require Senate confirmation.

ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration)

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara established the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration) on 1 July 1964. By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird redesignated this position on 3 November 1971 as the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence). The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration), reporting to the ASD (Comptroller), assumed all the non-intelligence, administrative functions previously assigned to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration).

Solis Horwitz 1 July 1964–29 January 1969

Robert F. Froehlke 30 January 1969–30 June 1971

David O. Cooke (Acting) 30 June 1971–3 November 1971

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration)

David O. Cooke 4 November 1971–23 May 1988

Director of Administration and Management

DoD Directive 5105.53, 24 May 1988, established the office of the Director of Administration and Management to coordinate Department-wide administrative and organizational matters. This position also functioned as the Director of Washington Headquarters Services, established by DoD Directive 5110.4, 1 October 1977. The dual roles lasted until 2002 when the Director of Washington Headquarters Services became a separate position.

David O. Cooke 24 May 1988–22 June 2002

Raymond F. DuBois (Assumed Duties) 1 October 2002–18 June 2003

Raymond F. DuBois 18 June 2003–1 May 2005

Michael B. Donley 9 May 2005–21 June 2008

Michael L. Rhodes (Acting) 21 June 2008–25 March 2010

Michael L. Rhodes 25 March 2010–12 August 2014

Director of Administration

DoD Directive 5230.29, 13 August 2014, changed the position of Director of Administration and Management to Director of Administration. The Secretary of Defense appoints the Director.

Michael L. Rhodes 13 August 2014–25 January 2019

Sajeel Ahmed (Acting)31 January 2019–6 December 2019
 Thomas Muir (Acting) 9 December 2019–Present

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Chief Information Officer

The Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (passed as part of the NDAA for FY 1996, PL 104-106) created the position of Chief Information Officer. In 2003 the newly designated Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration (see entry in part X; Former and Disestablished Positions; Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence) assumed the duties of the Defense Department’s chief information officer. An 11 January 2012 memorandum signed by the Deputy Secretary of Defense abolished the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration). Its authorities, responsibilities, personnel, and resources were transferred to the now-reinstituted position of Chief Information Officer, which initially did not require Senate confirmation. DoD Directive 5144.02, issued 22 April 2013, authorized the Chief Information Officer as a principal staff assistant to the Secretary of Defense, and gave the Secretary appointment authority. Section 909 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2018, PL 115-91, amended United States Code Title 10, section 142(a) by requiring the Chief Information Officer to be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Terry Halvorsen 21 May 2014–28 February 2017
 John Zangardi (Acting)..... 1 March 2017–9 December 2017
 Essye B. Miller (Acting)..... 10 December 2017–6 May 2018
 Dana Deasy7 May 2018–Present

NET ASSESSMENT

Director of Net Assessment

Position established in 1973 to serve as the principal staff assistant and adviser to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense on net assessment matters. According to Defense Directive 5111.11, the Director shall develop and coordinate net assessments of the standing, trends, and future prospects of U.S. military capabilities and military potential in comparison with those of other countries or groups of countries so as to identify emerging or future threats or opportunities for the United States.

Andrew Marshall16 November 1973–5 January 2015
 Andrew May (Acting)..... 6 January 2015–12 May 2015
 James H. Baker13 May 2015–Present

OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION

Position established by the Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1984, PL 98-94, 24 September 1983, and by DoD Directive 5141.2, 2 April 1984. The Director is the principal staff assistant and adviser to the Secretary of Defense on operational and live fire test and evaluation matters. The Director is responsible for issuing test and evaluation policies and procedures, providing independent assessments and budgetary recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, and reviewing and analyzing the results of tests and evaluations conducted for each major DoD acquisition program.

Director of Operational Test and Evaluation

John E. Krings	18 April 1985–30 June 1989
Robert C. Duncan	22 November 1989–20 January 1993
Lee Frame (Acting)	21 January 1993–30 September 1994
Philip E. Coyle III	3 October 1994–19 January 2001
Thomas P. Christie	17 July 2001–31 January 2005
David W. Duma (Acting)	1 February 2005–26 July 2006
Charles E. McQueary	27 July 2006–31 May 2009
David W. Duma (Acting)	1 June 2009–22 September 2009
J. Michael Gilmore	23 September 2009–20 January 2017
David W. Duma (Acting)	20 January 2017–16 November 2017
Robert F. Behler	16 November 2017–Present

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Assistant to the Secretary (Director, Office of Public Information)

Position established by the Secretary of Defense on 14 July 1948.

Harold B. Hinton	19 July 1948–12 March 1949
William Frye	12 March 1949–19 February 1950
Osgood Roberts (Acting)	20 February 1950–24 January 1951
Clayton Fritchey	25 January 1951–1 June 1952
Andrew H. Berding	1 July 1952–18 November 1953

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative and Public Affairs)

Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, increased the number of Assistant Secretaries of Defense. The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Director, Office of Public Information) became Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative and Public Affairs). Position abolished as per DoD Directive 5105.13, 10 August 1957, and functions divided and transferred to the new Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) and Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs).

Frederick A. Seaton	15 September 1953–20 February 1955
Robert Tripp Ross	15 March 1955–20 February 1957

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

DoD Directive 5105.13, 10 August 1957, detailed the responsibilities of the position.

Murray Snyder	21 March 1957–20 January 1961
Arthur Sylvester	20 January 1961–3 February 1967

Philip G. Goulding	28 February 1967–20 January 1969
Daniel Z. Henkin (Acting)	20 January 1969–25 May 1969
Daniel Z. Henkin	25 May 1969–20 January 1973
Jerry W. Friedheim (Acting)	20 January 1973–13 April 1973
Jerry W. Friedheim	13 April 1973–20 September 1974
William Beecher (Acting)	21 September 1974–11 February 1975
Joseph Laitin	12 February 1975–19 December 1975
William I. Greener Jr.	21 December 1975–31 July 1976
M. Alan Woods	6 August 1976–21 January 1977
Thomas B. Ross	7 March 1977–20 January 1981
Henry E. Catto Jr.	22 May 1981–16 September 1983
Benjamin Welles (Acting)	17 September 1983–1 November 1983
Mary Lou Sheils (Acting)	2 November 1983–22 November 1983
Michael I. Burch	23 November 1983–22 June 1985
Fred Hoffman (Acting)	23 June 1985–1 October 1985
Robert B. Sims	18 October 1985–20 September 1987
Fred Hoffman (Acting)	21 September 1987–2 February 1988
J. Daniel Howard	3 February 1988–21 March 1989
Louis A. Williams	22 May 1989–20 January 1993

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin changed the title of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) to the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) on 22 January 1993. DoD Directive 5122.5, 2 December 1993, described the responsibilities and mission.

Vernon A. Guidry Jr.	22 January 1993–18 July 1993
Kathleen deLaski	19 July 1993–5 August 1994
Kenneth H. Bacon	20 September 1994–29 March 1996

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995, PL 103-337, 5 October 1994, increased the number of Assistant Secretaries from 10 to 11. The position subsequently reverted to the title Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) on 29 March 1996 through DoD Directive 5122.5.

Kenneth H. Bacon	29 March 1996–19 January 2001
Victoria Clarke	22 May 2001–20 June 2003
Lawrence Di Rita (Acting)	10 August 2003–22 September 2005

J. Dorrance Smith	5 January 2006–20 January 2009
Price Floyd (Performing the Duties Of)	January 2009–February 2010
Douglas B. Wilson	11 February 2010–31 March 2012
George Little (Acting).	1 April 2012–8 October 2012

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

A 9 October 2012 memorandum from the Secretary of Defense retitled the position to Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). Appointed by the Secretary of Defense, the officeholder serves as the Secretary’s principal adviser for strategic communications, community engagement, media relations, and visual information.

George Little	9 October 2012–15 November 2013
Brent Colburn	18 December 2014–20 January 2017
Dana W. White	5 April 2017–31 December 2018
Charles E. Summers Jr. (Acting).	1 January 2019–April 2019
Jonathan Hoffman.	April 2019–Present

SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND LOW-INTENSITY CONFLICT

The creation of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict) was mandated by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987, PL 99-661, 14 November 1986, and officially established by DoD Directive 5138.3 on 4 January 1988. The Assistant Secretary of Defense originally reported to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict)

Charles S. Whitehouse	13 July 1988–12 July 1989
Seth Cropsey (Acting).	13 July 1989–18 October 1989
James R. Locher	19 October 1989–19 June 1993
H. Allen Holmes	18 November 1993–30 April 1999
Brian E. Sheridan	7 May 1999–12 January 2001
Thomas W. O’Connell	25 July 2003–17 April 2007

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities)

Position renamed Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities) as part of the reorganization of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) announced in September 2006. Major responsibilities of the office were realigned to include strategic capabilities, force transformation, and major budget programs, in addition to special operations and low-intensity conflict.

Michael G. Vickers	23 July 2007–17 March 2011
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Michael Lumpkin (Acting) 18 March 2011–19 December 2011

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict)

The title reverted to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict) with Change 2 to DoD Directive 5110.10, dated 21 October 2011. Assisted the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) in developing policy and plans for low-intensity conflict activities and special operations, including civil affairs and psychological operations.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114-328, 23 December 2016, mandated that the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict report directly to the Secretary of Defense. An 18 November 2020 memorandum by the Acting Secretary of Defense implemented the law, and designated the ASD as the principal staff assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for special operations policy and administration. This memorandum also removed the ASD from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) and enhanced the ASD's roles and responsibilities. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict exercises authority, direction, and control over administrative matters relating to the organization, training, and equipping of special operations forces, and has a budgetary role and responsibility similar to those of the Secretaries of the Military Departments.

Michael G. Sheehan 20 December 2011–25 August 2013

Michael Lumpkin 19 November 2013–26 July 2015

Theresa Whelan 26 July 2015–30 May 2017

Caryn Hollis (Performing the Duties Of) 30 May 2017–1 August 2017

Mark E. Mitchell (Acting) 2 August 2017–20 December 2017

Owen O. West 20 December 2017–22 June 2019

Mark E. Mitchell (Acting) 23 June 2019–1 November 2019

Thomas Alexander (Acting) 2 November 2019–20 January 2020

Thomas Alexander (Performing the Duties Of) 21 January 2020–18 June 2020

Christopher C. Miller (Performing the Duties Of) 19 June 2020–7 August 2020

Ezra Cohen-Watnick (Acting) 10 August 2020–Present

X. FORMER AND DISESTABLISHED POSITIONS

This section includes positions that have been abolished and those that were once ranked at an Assistant Secretary or Director level, but have since had their rank reduced.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Reorganization Plan Number 1 of 1958, 1 July 1958, transferred to the President the civil defense functions formerly assigned to the Federal Civil Defense Administration. The President delegated these functions to the Secretary of Defense by Executive Order 10952, 20 July 1961. Position created 31 August 1961, and abolished 1 April 1964. The Office of Civil Defense moved to the Secretary of the Army in 1964. The Defense Civil Preparedness Agency then assumed responsibility for civil defense. When Reorganization Plan Number 3, 19 June 1978, led to the dissolution of this agency on 15 July 1979, the director of the new Federal Emergency Management Agency assumed responsibility for civil defense.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civil Defense)

Steuart L. Pittman 20 September 1961–1 April 1964

COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, AND INTELLIGENCE

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Telecommunications)

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird established the position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Telecommunications) on 21 May 1970.

Louis A. deRosa 1 August 1970–1 May 1971

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Telecommunications)

Position established on 11 January 1972 by DoD Directive 5135.1 after PL 92-215, 22 December 1971, authorized an increase in the number of Assistant Secretaries of Defense from eight to nine. This position replaced the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Telecommunications). DoD Directive 5135.1, 17 January 1974, abolished this position and transferred functions to the Director, Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems.

Eberhardt Rechtin (Acting). 14 January 1972–15 February 1972

Eberhardt Rechtin 15 February 1972–29 September 1973

David L. Solomon (Acting) 30 September 1973–17 January 1974

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)

By administrative action on 3 November 1971, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird redesignated the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration) as the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence). On 20 July 1976, the position received an additional designation of Director of Defense Intelligence. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown abolished the position on 11 March 1977.

Albert C. Hall 9 November 1971–25 March 1976

Director, Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems

Position created by DoD Directive 5135.1, 17 January 1974.

David L. Solomon (Acting) 17 January 1974–18 February 1974
Thomas C. Reed 19 February 1974–2 January 1976
Richard Shriver 10 February 1976–20 January 1977

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence)

DoD Directive 5137.1, 11 March 1977, replaced both the Director, Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)/Director of Defense Intelligence with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence), or ASD(C3I). Effective 21 October 1977, the ASD(C3I) also served as the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. The position became the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence in March 1981.

Gerald P. Dinneen 4 April 1977–20 January 1981

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence)

Officially reestablished as an Assistant Secretary of Defense by DoD Directive 5137.1, 2 April 1985.

Donald C. Latham 26 July 1981–16 August 1984

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence)

The Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1984, PL 98-94, 24 September 1983, mandated the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence), as the principal staff officer to the Secretary of Defense for the National Communications System. DoD Directive 5137.1, 12 February 1992, set responsibilities for establishing and implementing information management policies. The ASD(C3I) directed the Defense Information Systems Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Defense Security Service.

Donald C. Latham 16 August 1984–6 July 1987
Thomas P. Quinn (Acting) 18 July 1987–23 May 1988
Gordon A. Smith 24 May 1988–12 May 1989
Thomas P. Quinn (Acting) 13 May 1989–19 November 1989
Duane Andrews 20 November 1989–20 January 1993
Emmett Paige Jr. 10 June 1993–23 May 1997
Arthur L. Money (Sr. Civilian Official) 20 February 1998–5 October 1999
Arthur L. Money 5 October 1999–7 April 2001
John P. Stenbit 7 August 2001–8 May 2003

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration)

On 8 May 2003, the title of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence) changed to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration). An 11 January 2012 memorandum signed by the Deputy Secretary of Defense abolished the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration) and transferred its authorities, responsibilities, personnel, and resources to the Chief Information Officer.

John P. Stenbit	8 May 2003–6 March 2004
Linton Wells II (Acting)	6 March 2004–14 November 2005
John Grimes	14 November 2005–30 April 2009
Cheryl Roby (Acting)	1 May 2009–26 October 2010
Teresa M. Takai	26 October 2010–11 January 2012

POLICY AND PLANS

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Policy and Plans)

Position established by DoD Directive 5111.6, 15 July 1993, and disestablished on 15 March 1994 when the incumbent left office.

Graham Allison	6 August 1993–15 March 1994
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RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering

The Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering was designated an Assistant Secretary of Defense from 19 May 1961 to 15 July 1965 and reported to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (see Research and Engineering lineage in section VI).

John H. Rubel	19 May 1961–15 June 1963
Eugene G. Fubini	3 July 1963–15 July 1965

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Technology)

DoD Directive 5129.3, 25 January 1984, established the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Technology), reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) and then, beginning in 1986, to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition).

Robert S. Cooper	6 August 1984–6 July 1985
Robert C. Duncan	5 August 1986–21 December 1987

Director, Defense Research and Engineering

The Military Retirement Reform Act of 1986, PL 99-348, 1 July 1986, reestablished the position of Director of Defense Research and Engineering (previous establishment ran from 1958 to 1977 and appears in section VI as part of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering lineage). In December 1987 the position was filled after the abolishment of the position of Assistant Secretary of

Defense (Research and Technology). The Director of Defense Research and Engineering reported to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

Robert C. Duncan	21 December 1987–20 November 1989
Charles M. Herzfeld	12 March 1990–8 May 1991
Victor Reis	3 December 1991–30 May 1993
Anita Jones	1 June 1993–23 May 1997
Hans M. Mark	1 July 1998–10 May 2001
Ronald M. Sega	4 August 2001–3 August 2005
John J. Young Jr.	2 November 2005–1 June 2008

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering)

The Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, PL 111-383, 7 January 2011, redesignated the Director of Defense Research and Engineering as the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), with responsibility for providing strategic guidance and coordination for science and technology investment across the Department.

Alan R. Shaffer (Acting)	1 December 2012–26 June 2015
Stephen P. Welby	25 February 2015–20 January 2017
Mary Miller (Acting)	20 January 2017–February 2018

SECURITY POLICY

Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy)

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger created the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy) in April 1981. The Assistant Secretary, reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), assumed responsibility for disarmament, arms control, and all political-military activity involving NATO, non-NATO European countries, and the Soviet Union from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs). In 1993 Secretary of Defense Les Aspin abolished this position and transferred some functions to the new Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear Security and Counterproliferation). In 1994 Secretary of Defense William Perry reestablished the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy).

Richard N. Perle	5 August 1981–8 May 1987
Ronald F. Lehman	18 February 1988–11 May 1989
Stephen J. Hadley	23 June 1989–20 January 1993

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear Security and Counterproliferation)

Position established by DoD Directive 5111.5 on 6 July 1993 to replace the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy). On 13 June 1994, the title of this position reverted to Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy), reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

Ashton B. “Ash” Carter	30 June 1993–13 June 1994
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Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy)

Position abolished in 2006 with responsibilities reassigned to other Assistant Secretaries of Defense.

Ashton B. “Ash” Carter	13 June 1994–14 September 1996
Franklin C. Miller (Acting)	14 September 1996–15 June 1998
Jack D. Crouch II	6 August 2001–31 October 2003
Peter C. W. Flory	2 August 2005–1 December 2006

STRATEGY AND THREAT REDUCTION

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin established the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Requirements, and Resources) on 6 July 1993. The title subsequently changed to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Requirements) per DoD Directive 5111.8 on 22 March 1995, and then to Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Threat Reduction) per DoD Directive 5111.8 on 3 February 2000. The positions were responsible for defense strategy and ensuring that the Department’s resource allocation, force structure development, weapons acquisition planning, and budgeting process supported the strategy. Position abolished in August 2001 with the reinstatement of the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy).

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Requirements, and Resources)

Edward L. Warner	1 June 1993–March 1995
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Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Requirements)

Edward L. Warner	March 1995–February 2000
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Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Threat Reduction)

Edward L. Warner	February 2000–29 September 2000
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SUPPLY, LOGISTICS, AND INSTALLATIONS

Chairman, Munitions Board

The National Security Act of 1947, PL 80-253, 26 July 1947, established this position. Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, abolished the Munitions Board. The Secretary of Defense transferred the Munitions Board’s functions to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics).

Thomas J. Hargrave	30 September 1947–20 September 1948
Donald J. Carpenter	21 September 1948–30 June 1949
Hubert E. Howard	25 November 1949–18 September 1950
John D. Small	16 November 1950–20 January 1953

Director of Installations

Position created by PL 82-534, which authorized military and naval construction, 14 July 1952. Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, abolished the position and transferred its functions to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Properties and Installations).

Frank Creedon. 25 August 1952–29 June 1953

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Properties and Installations)

Franklin G. Floete. 3 August 1953–4 March 1956

Floyd S. Bryant. 2 May 1956–20 January 1961

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics)

Position established after Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, abolished the Munitions Board.

Charles S. Thomas 5 August 1953–2 May 1954

Thomas P. Pike 3 May 1954–27 June 1956

E. Perkins McGuire. 28 December 1956–20 January 1961

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics)

DoD Directive 5126.22 established this position on 30 January 1961 by combining the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Properties and Installations). DoD Directive 5124.1, 20 April 1977, abolished this position, transferring acquisition functions to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (see section VI, Research and Engineering) and the installations and logistics functions to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics).

Thomas D. Morris. 29 January 1961–11 December 1964

Paul R. Ignatius. 23 December 1964–31 August 1967

Thomas D. Morris. 1 September 1967–1 February 1969

Barry J. Shillito. 1 February 1969–1 February 1973

Arthur I. Mendolia 21 June 1973–31 March 1975

John J. Bennett (Acting) 1 April 1975–9 February 1976

Frank A. Shrontz. 10 February 1976–19 January 1977

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Development and Support)

Established by DoD Directive 5129.4, 25 November 1984, and abolished after the establishment of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Logistics) in 1985.

James P. Wade Jr. 6 August 1984–5 July 1985

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Logistics)

Position announced on 29 January 1985 and authorized by DoD Directive 5128.1, 19 November 1985.

James P. Wade Jr. 5 July 1985–3 November 1986
 Robert B. Costello. March 1987–15 April 1987

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics)

This position replaced the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Logistics) in April 1987. This position served as the principal staff assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology). It also coordinated with the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) on agreements with foreign countries. As a result of the reorganization of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), an Assistant Secretary of Defense (Economic Security) replaced the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics) as per a 19 May 1993 memorandum.

Robert B. Costello. 15 April 1987–17 December 1987
 Jack Katzen. 28 March 1988–8 January 1990
 Colin McMillan. 5 March 1990–11 December 1992

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Economic Security)

Position established on 7 September 1993, replacing the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics), and reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology). DoD Directive 5134.7, 5 April 1996, cancelled this position.

Joshua Gotbaum 20 May 1994–25 December 1995

XI. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

The Joint Chiefs of Staff, in existence since 1942, gained statutory sanction in the National Security Act of 1947, PL 80-253, 26 July 1947.

The 1949 amendments to the National Security Act of 1947, PL 81-216, 10 August 1949, established the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to be appointed from the regular officers of the Armed Services for a term of two years with eligibility for a second two-year term.

In 1952, PL 82-416 authorized the Commandant of the Marine Corps to meet with the JCS as a coequal whenever any matter of concern to the Marine Corps was under consideration. Subsequently, PL 95-485, the Department of Defense Appropriation Authorization Act, 1979, 20 October 1978, made the Commandant a permanent and fully participating member of the JCS.

Reorganization Plan Number 6, 30 June 1953, made the selection and tenure of members of the Joint Staff subject to the approval of the Chairman and gave him management control of the Joint Staff.

Public Law 90-22, the Armed Forces Appropriation Authorization, 1968, 5 June 1967, set the terms of the Chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps at four years, with provision for possible reappointment for four years in time of war or emergency.

The Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986, PL 99-433, 1 October 1986, prescribed the most important changes in the JCS organization since 1947.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, PL 116-92, 20 December 2019, created the U.S. Space Force under the direction of a Chief of Space Operations within the Department of the Air Force.

The Chief of Space Operations, a four-star General and full member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, serves as the principal uniformed adviser to the Secretary of the Air Force on Space Force activities, presides over the Office of the Chief of Space Operations, and transmits plans and recommendations to the Secretary of the Air Force.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

General Omar N. Bradley, USA	16 August 1949–15 August 1953
Admiral Arthur W. Radford, USN	16 August 1953–15 August 1957
General Nathan F. Twining, USAF	16 August 1957–30 September 1960
General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA	1 October 1960–30 September 1962
General Maxwell D. Taylor, USA	1 October 1962–1 July 1964
General Earle G. Wheeler, USA	3 July 1964–2 July 1970
Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN	3 July 1970–1 July 1974
General George S. Brown, USAF	2 July 1974–20 June 1978
General David C. Jones, USAF	21 June 1978–18 June 1982
General John W. Vessey Jr., USA	19 June 1982–30 September 1985
Admiral William J. Crowe Jr., USN	1 October 1985–30 September 1989
General Colin L. Powell, USA	1 October 1989–30 September 1993

Admiral David E. Jeremiah, USN (Acting)	1 October 1993–24 October 1993
General John M.D. Shalikashvili, USA	25 October 1993–30 September 1997
General Henry H. Shelton, USA.	1 October 1997–30 September 2001
Richard B. Myers, USAF	1 October 2001–30 September 2005
General Peter Pace, USMC.	1 October 2005–30 September 2007
Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN	1 October 2007–30 September 2011
General Martin E. Dempsey, USA	1 October 2011–25 September 2015
General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., USMC	26 September 2015–30 September 2019
General Mark Milley, USA.	30 September 2019–Present

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

General Robert T. Herres, USAF	6 February 1987–28 February 1990
Admiral David E. Jeremiah, USN.	1 March 1990–28 February 1994
Admiral William A. Owens, USN.	1 March 1994–29 February 1996
General Joseph W. Ralston, USAF	1 March 1996–1 March 2000
General Richard B. Myers, USAF	2 March 2000–1 October 2001
General Peter Pace, USMC.	2 October 2001–12 August 2005
Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, USN.	13 August 2005–27 July 2007
General James E. Cartwright, USMC.	2 September 2007–3 August 2011
Admiral James A. Winnefeld Jr., USN	4 August 2011–31 July 2015
General Paul J. Selva, USAF	31 July 2015–31 July 2019
General John E. Hyten, USAF	21 November 2019–Present

Chief of Staff of the Army

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, USA	19 November 1945–6 February 1948
General Omar N. Bradley, USA	7 February 1948–15 August 1949
General J. Lawton Collins, USA.	16 August 1949–14 August 1953
General Matthew B. Ridgway, USA.	15 August 1953–29 June 1955
General Maxwell D. Taylor, USA.	30 June 1955–30 June 1959
General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA	1 July 1959–30 September 1960
General George H. Decker, USA	1 October 1960–30 September 1962
General Earle G. Wheeler, USA.	1 October 1962–2 July 1964
General Harold K. Johnson, USA.	3 July 1964–2 July 1968
General William C. Westmoreland, USA	3 July 1968–30 June 1972

General Bruce Palmer Jr., USA (Acting) 1 July 1972–11 October 1972
 General Creighton W. Abrams, USA 12 October 1972–4 September 1974
 General Fred C. Weyand, USA 3 October 1974–30 September 1976
 General Bernard W. Rogers, USA 1 October 1976–21 June 1979
 General Edward C. Meyer, USA 22 June 1979–21 June 1983
 General John A. Wickham Jr., USA 22 June 1983–22 June 1987
 General Carl E. Vuono, USA 23 June 1987–21 June 1991
 Gordon R. Sullivan 22 June 1991–19 June 1995
 General Dennis J. Reimer, USA 20 June 1995–20 June 1999
 General Eric K. Shinseki, USA 21 June 1999–11 June 2003
 General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA 1 August 2003–10 April 2007
 General George W. Casey Jr., USA 11 April 2007–6 September 2011
 General Raymond T. Odierno, USA 7 September 2011–14 August 2015
 General Mark Milley, USA 14 August 2015–9 August 2019
 General James C. McConville, USA 9 August 2019–Present

Chief of Naval Operations

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN 15 December 1945–15 December 1947
 Admiral Louis Denfeld, USN 16 December 1947–2 November 1949
 Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, USN 3 November 1949–22 July 1951
 Admiral William M. Fechteler, USN 16 August 1951–16 August 1953
 Admiral Robert B. Carney, USN 17 August 1953–17 August 1955
 Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, USN 18 August 1955–1 August 1961
 Admiral George W. Anderson Jr., USN 2 August 1961–1 August 1963
 Admiral David L. McDonald, USN 2 August 1963–1 August 1967
 Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN 2 August 1967–1 July 1970
 Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., USN 2 July 1970–1 July 1974
 Admiral James L. Holloway III, USN 2 July 1974–1 July 1978
 Admiral Thomas B. Hayward, USN 2 July 1978–30 June 1982
 Admiral James D. Watkins, USN 1 July 1982–30 June 1986
 Admiral Carlisle A.H. Trost, USN 1 July 1986–29 June 1990
 Admiral Frank B. Kelso II, USN 1 July 1990–23 April 1994
 Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, USN 24 April 1994–16 May 1996

Admiral Jay L. Johnson, USN (Acting) 17 May 1996–4 August 1996
 Jay L. Johnson. 5 August 1996–21 July 2000
 Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN 22 July 2000–22 July 2005
 Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN 23 July 2005–29 September 2007
 Admiral Gary Roughead, USN. 30 September 2007–23 September 2011
 Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN 24 September 2011–18 September 2015
 Admiral John M. Richardson, USN 18 September 2015–Present

Chief of Staff of the Air Force

General Carl Spaatz, USAF 26 September 1947–29 April 1948
 General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, USAF 30 April 1948–29 June 1953
 General Nathan F. Twining, USAF. 30 June 1953–30 June 1957
 General Thomas D. White, USAF 1 July 1957–30 June 1961
 General Curtis E. LeMay, USAF 30 June 1961–31 January 1965
 General John P. McConnell, USAF 1 February 1965–31 July 1969
 General John D. Ryan, USA 1 August 1969–31 July 1973
 General George S. Brown, USAF. 1 August 1973–30 June 1974
 General David C. Jones, USAF 1 July 1974–20 June 1978
 General Lew Allen Jr., USAF 1 July 1978–30 June 1982
 General Charles A. Gabriel, USAF. 1 July 1982–30 June 1986
 General Larry D. Welch, USAF 1 July 1986–30 June 1990
 General Michael J. Dugan, USAF 1 July 1990–17 September 1990
 General John M. Loh, USAF (Acting) 18 September 1990–27 October 1990
 General Merrill A. McPeak, USAF. 27 October 1990–25 October 1994
 General Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF 26 October 1994–2 October 1997
 General Michael E. Ryan, USAF 2 October 1997–6 September 2001
 General John J. Jumper, USAF. 6 September 2001–2 September 2005
 General T. Michael Moseley, USAF. 2 September 2005–1 August 2008
 General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF. 12 August 2008–10 August 2012
 General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF 10 August 2012–24 June 2016
 General David Goldfein, USAF 1 July 2016–4 August 2020
 General Charles Q. Brown, USAF 4 August 2020–Present

Commandant of the Marine Corps

General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. was the first Commandant to sit with the Joint Chiefs of Staff (beginning in 1952) on matters of concern to the Marine Corps. General Louis H. Wilson, per PL 95-485, 20 October 1978, was the first Commandant to serve as a full member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Alexander A. Vandegrift, USMC	1 January 1944–31 December 1947
General Clifton B. Cates, USMC	1 January 1948–31 December 1951
General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., USMC	1 January 1952–31 December 1955
General Randolph McCall Pate, USMC	1 January 1956–31 December 1959
General David M. Shoup, USMC	1 January 1960–31 December 1963
General Wallace M. Greene Jr., USMC	1 January 1964–31 December 1967
General Leonard F. Chapman Jr., USMC	1 January 1968–31 December 1971
General Robert E. Cushman Jr., USMC	1 January 1972–30 June 1975
General Louis H. Wilson, USMC	1 July 1975–30 June 1979
General Robert H. Barrow, USMC	1 July 1979–30 June 1983
General Paul X. Kelley, USMC	1 July 1983–30 June 1987
General Alfred M. Gray Jr., USMC	1 July 1987–1 July 1991
General Carl E. Mundy Jr., USMC	1 July 1991–30 June 1995
General C.C. Krulak, USMC	1 July 1995–30 June 1999
General James L. Jones Jr., USMC	1 July 1999–13 January 2003
General Michael W. Hagee, USMC	13 January 2003–13 November 2006
General James T. Conway, USMC	14 November 2006–22 October 2010
General James F. Amos, USMC	22 October 2010–17 October 2014
General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., USMC	17 October 2014–24 September 2015
General Robert Neller, USMC	24 September 2015–11 July 2019
General David Berger, USMC	11 July 2019–Present

Chief of Space Operations

The Chief of Space Operations, a four-star General and full member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, serves as the principal uniformed adviser to the Secretary of the Air Force on Space Force activities, presides over the Office of the Chief of Space Operations, and transmits plans and recommendations to the Secretary of the Air Force.

General John W. Raymond, USAF	20 December 2019–Present
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Chief of the National Guard Bureau

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, PL 112-81, 31 December 2011, made the Chief of the National Guard Bureau a member of the Joint Chiefs. The National Defense Authorization

Act for Fiscal Year 2008, PL 110-181, 28 January 2008, made the National Guard Bureau a DoD joint activity.

Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, USA.	11 April 2003–17 November 2008
General Craig R. McKinley, USAF	3 January 2012–6 September 2012
General Frank J. Grass, USA	7 September 2012–3 August 2016
General Joseph L. Lengyel, USAF	3 August 2016–Present

Director of the Joint Staff

The 1947 National Security Act, PL 80-253, 26 July 1947, established the position of Director of the Joint Staff. Although not a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Director was appointed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to perform such duties as directed by the Joint Chiefs. With the passage of the 1949 National Security Act Amendments, PL 81-216, 10 August 1949, and the creation of the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chairman, after consultation with the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, appoints the Director of the Joint Staff.

Maj. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, USA.	17 September 1947–19 September 1949
Vice Adm. Arthur C. Davis, USN	20 September 1949–1 November 1951
Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, USAF	2 November 1951–23 April 1953
Lt. Gen. Frank F. Everest, USAF	24 April 1953–18 March 1954
Lt. Gen. Lemuel Mathewson, USA.	19 March 1954–14 March 1956
Vice Adm. Bernard L. Austin, USN	15 March 1956–31 March 1958
Lt. Gen. Oliver S. Picher, USAF	1 April 1958–31 March 1960
Lt. Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, USA.	1 April 1960–24 February 1962
Vice Adm. Herbert D. Riley, USN	25 February 1962–23 February 1964
Lt. Gen. David A. Burchinal, USAF	24 February 1964–31 July 1966
Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, USA.	1 August 1966–31 March 1967
Lt. Gen. Berton E. Spivy Jr., USA	1 April 1967–31 July 1968
Vice Adm. Nels C. Johnson, USN	1 August 1968–19 July 1970
Lt. Gen. John W. Vogt, USAF	20 July 1970–7 April 1972
Rear Adm. Mason B. Freeman, USN (Acting)	8 April 1972–11 June 1972
Lt. Gen. George M. Seignious II, USA.	12 June 1972–31 May 1974
Vice Adm. Harry D. Train II, USN	1 June 1974–30 June 1976
Lt. Gen. Ray B. Sitton, USAF	1 July 1976–30 June 1977
Vice Adm. Patrick J. Hannifin, USN	1 July 1977–20 June 1978
Maj. Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., USA (Acting)	1 July 1978–21 August 1978
Lt. Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., USA	22 August 1978–22 June 1979

Vice Adm. Carl Thor Hanson, USN 22 June 1979–30 June 1981
 Lt. Gen. James E. Dalton, USAF 1 July 1981–30 June 1983
 Lt. Gen. Jack N. Merritt, USA 1 July 1983–30 June 1985
 Vice Adm. Powell F. Carter Jr., USN 1 July 1985–14 August 1987
 Lt. Gen. Robert W. Riskassi, USA 15 August 1987–30 November 1988
 Lt. Gen. Hansford T. Johnson, USAF 1 December 1988–20 September 1989
 Maj. Gen. Gene A. Deegan, USMC (Acting) 21 September 1989–26 September 1989
 Lt. Gen. Michael P. C. Carns, USAF 27 September 1989–16 May 1991
 Lt. Gen. Henry Viccellio Jr., USAF 17 May 1991–1 December 1992
 Vice Adm. Richard C. Macke, USN 1 December 1992–18 July 1994
 Maj. Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr., USAF (Acting) 19 July 1994–24 July 1994
 Lt. Gen. Walter Kross, USAF 25 July 1994–12 July 1996
 Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Rippe, USA (Acting) 13 July 1996–13 September 1996
 Vice Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN 14 September 1996–12 December 1998
 Vice Adm. Vernon E. Clark, USN 12 December 1998–26 July 1999
 Lt. Gen. Carlton W. Fulford, USMC 26 July 1999–14 July 2000
 Lt. Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA 16 October 2001–23 January 2003
 Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN 13 October 2003–15 October 2004
 Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, USAF October 2004–August 2005
 Lt. Gen. Walter Sharp, USA August 2005–1 May 2008
 Lt. Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, USA August 2008–10 June 2009
 Lt. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, USA 1 August 2009–30 June 2010
 Vice Adm. William E. Gortney, USN 1 July 2010–1 August 2012
 Lt. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA 9 August 2012–11 August 2013
 Lt. Gen. David Goldfein, USAF 12 August 2013–31 July 2015
 Lt. Gen. William C. Mayville Jr., USA 1 August 2015–30 July 2017
 Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, USMC 31 July 2017–28 February 2019
 Vice Adm. Michael M. Gilday, USN 1 March 2019–17 July 2019
 Lt. Gen. Glen D. VanHerck, USAF (Acting) 18 July 2019–26 September 2019
 Lt. Gen. Glen D. VanHerck, USAF 27 September 2019–20 August 2020
 Rear Adm. William D. Byrne Jr., USN (Acting) 20 August 2020–1 October 2020
 Lt. Gen. Andrew P. Poppas, USA 1 October 2020–Present

XII. COMBATANT COMMANDS

CURRENT COMMANDS

U.S. Africa Command (Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany)

Established 1 October 2008

General Stephen J. Townsend, USA 26 July 2019–Present

U.S. Central Command (MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL)

Established 1 January 1983

General Kenneth F. McKenzie, USMC 28 March 2019–Present

U.S. European Command (Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany)

Established 1 August 1952

General Tod D. Wolters, USAF 3 May 2019–Present

U.S. Northern Command (Peterson AFB, CO)

Established 1 October 2002

General Terrence J. O’Shaughnessy, USAF 24 May 2018–Present

U.S. Pacific Command (Camp H. M. Smith, HI)

Established 1 January 1947

Admiral Philip Davidson, USN 30 May 2018–Present

U.S. Southern Command (Miami, FL)

Established 6 June 1963

Admiral Kurt Tidd, USN 14 January 2016–Present

U.S. Space Command (Peterson AFB, CO)

Established 29 August 2019

General James H. Dickinson, USA 20 August 2020–Present

U.S. Special Operations Command (MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL)

Established 16 April 1987

General Raymond Thomas, USA 30 March 2016–Present

U.S. Transportation Command (Scott AFB, IL)

Established 1 July 1987

General Stephen R. Lyons, USA. 24 August 2018–Present

U.S. Cyber Command (Fort Meade, MD)

Established 4 May 2018. Commander of USCYBERCOM also serves as Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service.

General Paul M. Nakasone, USA 4 May 2018–Present

DISESTABLISHED COMMANDS

U.S. Aerospace Defense Command: Disestablished 19 December 1986

U.S. Alaskan Command: Disestablished 30 June 1975

U.S. Atlantic Command: Redesignated U.S. Joint Forces Command 1 October 1999

U.S. Continental Air Defense Command: Disestablished 30 June 1975

U.S. Far East Command: Disestablished 1 July 1957

U.S. Joint Forces Command: Disestablished 4 August 2011

U.S. Forces Command: Terminated as a Specified Command 1 October 1993; became an Army Command

U.S. Military Airlift Command: Terminated as a Specified Command 1 October 1988

U.S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean: Disestablished 1 December 1963

U.S. Northeast Command: Disestablished 1 September 1956

U.S. Readiness Command: Disestablished 30 September 1987

U.S. Strategic Air Command: Disestablished 1 June 1992

U.S. Strike Command: Disestablished 31 December 1971

XIII. DEFENSE AGENCIES

CURRENT DEFENSE AGENCIES

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

Public Law 85-325, 12 February 1958, authorized the Secretary of Defense or his designee to perform advanced research of a military nature. DoD Directive 5105.15, 7 February 1958, established the Advanced Research Projects Agency. DoD Directive 5105.41, 23 March 1972, changed the name to Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. On 15 March 1993, the name reverted to Advanced Research Projects Agency per a memorandum from Deputy Secretary of Defense William Perry. Section 908 of PL 104-106, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, 10 February 1996, restored the agency's name to Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. A Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 13 July 2018, placed it under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering).

Director Peter Highnam

Defense Commissary Agency

Established 9 November 1990 by DoD Directive 5105.55.

Director Robert Bianchi (Interim)

Defense Contract Audit Agency

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara created the agency on 8 January 1965, placing it under the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). DoD Directive 5105.36, 8 June 1978, formally established responsibilities and mission. DoD Directive 5105.36, 28 February 2002, updated the agency's responsibilities, functions, authorities, and relationships under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer.

Director Anita F. Bales

Defense Contract Management Agency

Originally known as the Defense Contract Management Command within the Defense Logistics Agency. Renamed and established independently on 27 March 2000. DoD Directive 5105.64, 27 September 2000, established the purpose and mission. A Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 13 July 2018, placed the agency under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment).

Director Vice Adm. David H. Lewis, USN

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Established by DoD Directive 5118.5, 26 November 1990, and placed under the direction, authority, and control of the Department of Defense Comptroller. DoD Directive 5118.05, 20 April 2012, updated the mission, responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the agency, and placed it under

the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer.

Director Audrey Y. Davis

Defense Health Agency

Established 1 October 2013 by DoD Directive 5136.13. Assumed the responsibilities of the previous Tricare Management Activity, which had been in operation pursuant to DoD Directive 5136.12, May 31, 2001.

Director Raquel C. Bono

Defense Information Systems Agency

Established as the Defense Communications Agency on 12 May 1960 by DoD Directive 5105.19. DoD Directive 5105.19, 25 June 1991, renamed the agency the Defense Information Systems Agency. DoD Directive 5105.19, 25 July 2006, updated the mission, responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of DISA under the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration)/DoD Chief Information Officer. DoD Directive 5144.02, 21 November 2014, assigned the Chief Information Officer authority, direction, and control over the Director, Defense Information Systems Agency.

Director Maj. Gen. Robert J. Skinner, USAF

Defense Intelligence Agency

Established by DoD Directive 5105.21, 1 August 1961, and began operations on 1 October 1961. DoD Directive 5105.21, 18 March 2008, revised the agency’s responsibilities and mission, and placed it under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence).

Director Vice Adm. Robert Ashley, USN

Defense Legal Services Agency

Established by DoD Directive 5145.4, 12 August 1981, under the direction authority, and control of the General Counsel, who also served as Director of the agency. DoD Directive 5145.04, 16 April 2012, revised the agency’s responsibilities and mission.

Director Lt. Gen. William S. Castle, USA

Defense Logistics Agency

By administrative action, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara established the Defense Supply Agency. DoD Directive 5105.22, 6 November 1961, defined the agency’s responsibilities and mission. By administrative action, the agency’s name changed to Defense Logistics Agency, effective 1 January 1977. A Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 13 July 2018, placed it under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment).

Director Darrell Williams (Acting)

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

Established by DoD Directive 5110.10, 16 July 1993, as the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, PL 104-106, 10 February 1996, mandated that DoD establish an office for missing persons. On 15 August 1996, the Under Secretary of

Defense (Policy) redesignated the office as the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office. On 30 January 2015, the Defense POW/Missing Personnel office merged with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command to form the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

Director Lt. Gen Kelly McKeague, USA

Defense Security Cooperation Agency

Established as the Defense Security Assistance Agency by DoD Directive 5105.38, 11 August 1971. A Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 20 May 1998, directed that the agency’s name change to Defense Security Cooperation Agency effective 1 October 1998. DoD Directive 5105.65, 31 October 2000, described the agency’s responsibilities and mission. The Director is under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

Director Charles Hooper

Defense Security Service

Established as the Defense Investigative Service by DoD Directive 5105.42, 18 April 1972, and operational as of 1 October 1972. In November 1997 the Secretary of Defense issued a Defense Reform Initiative, which changed the name to Defense Security Service. DoD Directive 5105.42, 13 May 1999, assigned responsibilities and mission and placed it under the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (C3I). DoD Directive 5105.42, 3 August 2010, assigned authority, direction and control to the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence).

Director Lt. Gen. Daniel E. Payne

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

The November 1997 Defense Reform Initiative mandated merging several Defense organizations and programs into one entity. The Secretary of Defense consolidated the Defense Technology Security Administration, the Defense Special Weapons Agency, the On-Site Inspection Agency, and elements in the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs to form the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, effective 1 October 1998. The new agency’s director reported to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology) until a Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 13 July 2018, placed it under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment).

Director Vayl S. Oxford

Missile Defense Agency

Chartered as the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization on 24 April 1984 but designated as a Defense agency by DoD Directive 5141.5, 21 February 1986. On 13 May 1993 Secretary of Defense Les Aspin changed the organization’s name to the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. DoD Directive 5134.9, 14 June 1994, defined the responsibilities and mission. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld renamed the organization the Missile Defense Agency in January 2002. Section 205 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, PL 115-91, 12 December 2017, and a Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 13 July 2018, placed it under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering).

Director Samuel Greaves

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Began operations on 1 October 1996 as the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA). Established by DoD Directive 5105.60, 11 October 1996, and the National Imagery and Mapping Agency Act of 1996. Succeeded the Defense Mapping Agency, the Central Imagery Office, the Defense Dissemination Program Office, and the National Photographic Interpretation Center. NIMA was redesignated the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in NDAA FY04, PL 108-136, 24 November 2003. The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence exercises authority, direction, and control on behalf of the Secretary of Defense over the Director, NGA. DoD Directive 5105.60, 29 July 2009.

Director Lt. Gen. Robert Cardillo, USAF

National Reconnaissance Office

Established on 6 September 1961 as a covert organization by DoD and the Central Intelligence Agency to manage the National Reconnaissance Program. Declassified DoD Directive TS 5105.23, 27 September 1964, defined the organization's responsibilities and mission. The Defense Department acknowledged the agency's existence on 18 September 1992. DoD Directive 5105.23, 28 June 2011, mandated that the office's Director report to the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence).

Director Betty J. Sapp

National Security Agency

Established on 5 December 1952. DoD Directive 5100.20, 23 December 1971, consolidated the service cryptologic agencies as the Central Security Service within the National Security Agency. The National Security Agency director also served as the Chief of the Central Security Service. DoD Directive 5100.20, 26 January 2010, stated that the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) would exercise authority, direction, and control over the Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service. With the establishment of the U.S. Cyber Command as a subordinate unified command in June 2009 and its elevation to a combatant command in May 2018, the National Security Agency director now serves as the Chief of the Central Security Service and U.S. Cyber Command commander.

Director General Paul M. Nakasone, USA

Pentagon Force Protection Agency

Established on 3 May 2002 to succeed the Defense Protective Service. DoD Directive 5105.68, 5 December 2013, updated on 22 May 2019, placed the agency under the authority, direction, and control of the Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

Director Daniel P. Walsh (Acting)

DISESTABLISHED DEFENSE AGENCIES

Ballistic Missile Defense Organization

Succeeded by the Missile Defense Agency, January 2002.

Central Imagery Office

Duties assumed by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, 1 October 1999.

Defense Audiovisual Agency

Disestablished 30 September 1985.

Defense Audit Service

Dissolved in September 1982 when role assumed by Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Review and Oversight).

Defense Business Transformation Agency

Disestablished in 2011 with duties assigned to different organizations.

Defense Civil Preparedness Agency

Transferred to Federal Emergency Management Agency by Reorganization Plan Number 3 of 1978.

Defense Communications Agency

Succeeded by the Defense Information Systems Agency, 25 June 1991.

Defense Investigative Service

Duties assumed by the Defense Security Service, May 1999.

Defense Mapping Agency

Disestablished 1 October 1996, with its functions transferred to the National Imagery and Mapping Agency.

Defense Nuclear Agency

Name changed to Defense Special Weapons Agency, June 1996; functions assumed by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, 1 October 1998.

Defense Security Assistance Agency

Succeeded by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, 1 October 1998.

Defense Special Weapons Agency

Succeeded by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, 1 October 1998.

XIV. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FIELD ACTIVITIES

Defense Media Activity

Established on 1 January 2008 by DoD Directive 5105.74 to consolidate several military departments' media organizations, including the Soldiers Media Center, Naval Media Center, Marine Corps News, Air Force News Service, and American Forces Information Service into a single field activity. It also includes the Stars and Stripes newspaper and the Defense Information School. The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) exercises authority, direction, and control over the agency.

DirectorCol. Paul Haverstick

Defense Technical Information Center

Originally established in 1945 as the Air Documents Research Center to collect German technical documents on aeronautical subjects, the center evolved into the Defense Technical Information Center in 1979. It became a Department of Defense Field Activity in 2004 under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), reporting to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering. A Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 13 July 2018, placed the agency under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), reporting through the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (Research and Technology).

AdministratorChristopher E. Thomas

Defense Technology Security Administration

Established by the Deputy Secretary of Defense on 10 May 1985 as a field activity. In 1998 the Defense Threat Reduction Agency absorbed its functions. On 31 August 2001, the Deputy Secretary of Defense signed a memorandum reestablishing the agency under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

DirectorHeidi Grant

Department of Defense Education Activity

Established by DoD Directive 1342.20, 19 October 2007, under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

DirectorThomas Brady

Department of Defense Human Resources Activity

Established by DoD Directive 5100.87, 29 June 1998, merging the Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service and the Defense Manpower Data Center. Operates under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

DirectorWilliam H. Booth

Department of Defense Test Resource Management Center

Established by DoD Directive 5105.71, 8 March 2004, under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics). A Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 13 July 2018, placed it under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering).

Director G. Derrick Hinton (Acting)

Office of Economic Adjustment

Established by DoD Directive 3030.1, 29 November 1978. The Director of the Office of Economic Adjustment also serves as the executive director of the Economic Adjustment Committee. DoD Directive 3030.01, 5 March 2006, placed the office under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), reporting through the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment). A memorandum from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, 13 July 2018, revised the office’s reporting structure, placing it under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), and under the purview of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment).

DirectorPatrick J. O’Brien

Washington Headquarters Services (WHS)

Established by DoD Directive 5110.4, 1 October 1977. The Director of the Washington Headquarters Services oversees a broad range of administrative, management, and common support services, including human resources, facilities and facility operations, financial management, acquisition and contracting, and executive services for the Secretary of Defense. The Director also provides oversight of designated DoD-wide statutory and regulatory programs, supporting DoD components and other federal entities as directed and assigned. DoD Directive 5110.04, 27 March 2013, updated the mission, responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the organization. A Secretary of Defense memorandum, 1 February 2018, disestablishing the Deputy Chief Management Officer and establishing the Chief Management Officer placed the Washington Headquarters Services under the authority, direction, and control of the Chief Management Officer.

Director Thomas Muir

