

## FAREWELL, AND WELCOME

The November-December 2020 issue of *Defense Acquisition* magazine is the final issue that will bear any of the indelible marks and great contributions of our long-serving art director, Tia Gray.

After a decade with Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Visual Arts and Press as the magazine's designer, Tia is retiring to spend more time with her growing family, especially her 1-year-old granddaughter. Her sparkling designs and crisp layouts have added greatly to the magazine's attractiveness and the many awards—14 in the last 5 years alone—that it has won during her tenure.

Her colleagues and friends at DAU will miss her and wish her the very best, with clear skies and smooth sailing.

We are now joined by a new designer, Ken Salter, who has done most of the designing work in this issue and will be fully involved in the first issue of the new year. As you can see from this issue, their work promises to continue the magazine's record of design excellence. Ken previously has worked as a contract designer for several federal and local agencies and news media.

Welcome aboard, Ken.

—Benjamin Tyree, managing editor

## MDAP/MAIS Program Manager Changes

With the assistance of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, *Defense Acquisition* magazine publishes the names of incoming and outgoing program managers for major defense acquisition programs (MDAPs) and major automated information system (MAIS) programs. This announcement lists recent such changes of leadership for both civilian and military program managers.

### ARMY

**COL Russell V. Hoff** relieved **COL Jonathan Slater** as program manager for Close Combat Systems on July 8, 2020.

**COL Jason F. Tate** relieved **COL Francisco J. Lozano** as program manager for Search, Track, Acquire, Radiate, Eliminate on July 10.

**COL John J. Maher** relieved **COL Talmadge Sheppard** as program manager for Apache Attack Helicopter on July 15.

**COL Robert J. Wolfe** assumes the program management of Army Data and Analytics Platform on July 31. **COL Robert "RJ" Mikesh** relinquished the charter for the Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP) on July 31.

**COL Christopher W. Snipes** relieved **COL David A. Warnick** as program manager for Tactical Aviation and Ground Munitions on Aug. 18.

### NAVY/MARINE CORPS

**CAPT Brian A. Metcalf** relieved **CAPT Ronald J. Rutan** as program manager for the Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) Program Office (PMS 378) on July 1.

**CAPT Cedric J. McNeal** relieved **MR Thomas M. Rivers** as program manager for the Amphibious Warfare Program Office (PMS 377) on July 31.

**CAPT Peter A. Arrobbio** relieved **CAPT Keith A. Hash** as Program Manager for the E-2/C-2 Command and Control Systems Program Office (PMA 231) on Aug. 6.

**COL Tamara L. Campbell** relieved **CAPT Laura A. Schuessler** as program manager for the Advanced Tactical Aircraft Protection Systems Program Office (PMA 272) on Aug. 19.