



MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

MRS. KATRINA McFARLAND

MDA Director for Acquisition



In May 2006, Mrs. Katrina McFarland was selected for the position of Director for Acquisition (DA) at the Missile Defense Agency. As the Director for Acquisition, Mrs. McFarland is the principal advisor to the Director on all issues relating to MDA acquisition, contracting and small business policy decisions. Mrs. McFarland serves as the Agency lead for acquisition policy and development process activities and defines program policy and goals to execute a single integrated Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) research, development and test program. She also establishes guidance, advises and supports BMDS elements and MDA staff on BMDS acquisition policy. Mrs. McFarland also acts as the Missile Defense Acquisition Executive decision authority as directed by the MDA Director.

Mrs. McFarland began her civil service career in 1986 when she was assigned as a general engineer at Headquarters Marine Corps, accredited as a Materials, Mechanical, Civil and Electronics Engineer. She began her service to the US Marine Corps (USMC) as the lead engineer on the Tactical Air Operations Module (TAOM), all radars, and all USMC Tactical Vehicles.

In 1990, Mrs. McFarland was hired by the Department of National Defense, Ottawa, in Ontario, Canada, and performed the duties of Procurement Head of Electronics. In this role, Mrs. McFarland was responsible for approximately \$3 Billion Canadian worth of communications/electronics gear procurement to include full life cycle management of equipment and had direct contracting authority.

In 1992, Marine Corps System Command (MARCORSYSCOM) appointed Mrs. McFarland to Assistant Program Manager (APM) where she was responsible for the acquisition of the USMC Aviation Command and Control, AN/TPS-59, Theater Missile Defense, Combat ID and Cooperative Engagement Capability initiatives. While in this position, Mrs. McFarland was awarded the title of Navy Civilian Tester of the Year in 1996.

Mrs. McFarland was promoted to the Program Manager, Acquisition Center of Excellence in 2000, where she managed the entire command's computer information organization, supply, logistics, security and maintenance departments. During her tenure as the PM, Mrs. McFarland was dual-hatted on a select Redesign Team for the Command's redesign effort. This team re-engineered the acquisition workflow processes and its work/human/business processes to build a blue print for a high performance organization. To conclude this effort, Mrs. McFarland led a smaller team that socialized and negotiated the final product with the Command's Senior Leadership. For this effort, Mrs. McFarland received a Civilian Meritorious Service Medal.

Mrs. McFarland concluded her career with the Marine Corp as the Director of Battlespace Management and Air Defense Systems, managing over one third of the USMC's discretionary ground and air support budget of which includes all MC Radars, Air

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Defense Weapons, and all MC Command and Control Operations Centers. During this timeframe, Mrs. McFarland led the development of the first ever Marine Expeditionary Force level mobile Command and Control (C2) platform which was able to field to OIF in less than 6 months of focused effort and is now the baseline Command Operation Center for MC OIF activities. In February 2005, all of Ground C2 programs were also moved to the Directorate.

Mrs. McFarland has received numerous accolades and awards for her efforts in the joint arena of CEC, C2 and Theater Missile Defense (TMD) integration, to include accolades from such agencies as Government Computing News. Her articles have been published in the Military Operations Research Society, American Society for Computer Simulation, and the International Aeronautical Engineering Societies Proceedings. She is DAWIA level III certified in program management, testing, SPRDE, contracting, and logistics. Mrs. McFarland has a Professional Engineer license and has been a member of the Acquisition Professional Community since 1992. She has successfully completed the Program Management Institute coursework and attained her Program Management Professional (PMP) Certification.

Mrs. McFarland resides in Virginia, with her husband Ron and son, Jacob Brant.

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