

Pendergrass assumes Eastern Regional Command

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Boston's historic Faneuil Hall was the backdrop for a ceremony May 11 as Navy Capt. Russell G. Pendergrass assumed command of the Defense Contract Management Agency Eastern Regional Command. Richard H. Fanny, DCMA deputy chief operations officer, presided over the ceremony.

"I am thrilled to be back with DCMA," said Pendergrass, who oversaw a four-state area while commanding DCMA Denver from 2003 to 2006.

Pendergrass brings to the command 37 years of Reserve and active duty Navy supply and acquisition experience, as well as 15 years of experience in private industry contracting. As head of Eastern Regional Command, he now oversees contract management offices dispersed from New England to Florida, employing more than 3,000 DCMA civilians and more than 150 active duty military personnel.

In his remarks, Pendergrass drew

together his past experience with DCMA and the resiliency of wounded warriors he met in his most recent assignment in Bethesda, Md. "My assignment as the commander of DCMA Denver helped me to appreciate the role that we play in helping these warfighters. I have seen first-hand the impact that we can have."

Fanny, himself a retired Navy captain, received the agency flag from outgoing commander Navy Capt. Sidney J. Kim before turning to present the flag to Pendergrass.


Kim led the Eastern Regional Command since the agency's 2010 realignment. He will rejoin the operational Navy fleet as the senior logistician for the U.S. Third Fleet in San Diego.

"I am grateful to have worked with 17 wonderful primary CMO commands that have demonstrated tremendous team spirit," said Kim, "and very dedicated commanders and deputies who have maintained maximum flexibility and



Navy Capt. Russell G. Pendergrass holds the Defense Contract Management Agency flag after assuming command of the DCMA Eastern Regional Command May 11 in Boston. Outgoing commander Navy Capt. Sidney Kim stands to Pendergrass' left. (Photo by Patrick Tremblay, DCMA Public Affairs)

patience as we navigate through arduous realignment phases."

"I am honored to follow Capt. Sidney Kim as the commander of Defense Contract Management Agency Eastern Regional Command," said Pendergrass. 

Western Region welcomes new commander, bids farewell to stoic leader

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The North Harbor Marina was the backdrop as Western Regional Command Director Michael A. Lowry relinquished responsibilities to Air Force Col. Tracey Kop, and bid farewell to coworkers and friends during a change of command and retirement ceremony held in Redondo Beach, Calif., July 19.

"It has been an honor to lead the Western Region and work for an agency full of so many highly professional people," said Lowry. During his remarks, Lowry expressed confidence in Kop's ability to continue leading the region in the right direction and ensuring quality products are delivered to the warfighter.

Marie A. Greening, DCMA chief operations officer, presided over the

ceremony. During her remarks, Greening said Lowry's contributions were instrumental in the overall success of the Western Region and he would be missed. She also said Kop was an excellent choice to continue leading the Western Regional command in the right direction.

Kop brings with her a wealth of knowledge about the agency, and contracting operations overall. From her first assignment as a systems contract manager for the Space and Missile Center in Los Angeles, to her most recent job as the deputy director for DCMA headquarters operations, Kop has filled a variety of acquisition, mission support, command, expeditionary, instructor and special duty positions at various levels



Air Force Col. Tracey Kop, Defense Contract Management Agency Western Regional Command commander, accepts the regional colors from Marie A. Greening, DCMA chief operations officer, during the Western Regional Command change of command and retirement ceremony July 19. (Photo by Matthew Montgomery, DCMA Public Affairs)

within the Department of Defense.

"My first duty station when I came on active duty was Los Angeles Air Force Base and it was a very unique experience