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Major General Thomas J. Richardson Commanding General Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Richardson assumed command of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., on March 27, 2012.

General Richardson was born in Saint Louis, Mo. He entered the U.S. Army upon graduation from Stephen F. Austin University in 1980, and was commissioned in the Quartermaster Corps.

He has held a wide variety of command and staff positions during his 31-year career. The general recently returned from Iraq where he was the J4 for U.S. Forces – Iraq. Other key assignments include: Commander, Land & Maritime DLA; U.S. Pacific Command J4; Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander, Army Materiel Command; Commander, 64th Corps Support Group; Deputy J4, U.S. European Command; and Commander, 296th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

His military education includes the Quartermaster Basic and Advance Courses, Combined Arms Staff School, Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He holds a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from Stephen F. Austin State University; a Master of Military Arts and Science from U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; and a Master of Science in Strategic Resource Management from National Defense University.

The general's joint assignments include: Commander, Defense Supply Center Columbus, Defense Logistics Agency, Columbus, Ohio, from August 2009 to September 2010; Director for Logistics, Engineering and Security Assistance, J-4, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii, from June 2007 to August 2009; and, Joint Logistics Staff Officer, and later, Chief, Logistics Operations Division, and later Deputy Director, Logistics and Security Assistance Directorate, J-4, U.S. European Command, Germany, from June 1999 to July 2002.

General Richardson's operations assignments include: Director, J-4, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Operation New Dawn, Iraq, from October 2010 to December 2011; Commander, 64th Corps Support Group, Fort Hood, Texas, and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq, from June 2003 to June 2005; and, Task Force S-4 Observer/Controller, Operations Group, Combat Maneuver Training Command, Seventh Training Center, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, and Support Operations Officer, Seventh Army Training Command Mobile Training Team and Operation Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia, from August 1989 to June 1992.

His decorations and badges include the Defense Superior Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Achievement Medal; and Parachutist Badge.



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