

Defense Information Systems Agency

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DISA to change command, Pollett to retire

Fort George G. Meade, Md. -- Army Lt. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett will transfer directorship of the Defense Information Systems Agency to Air Force Lt. Gen. (select) Ronnie D. Hawkins, Jr., during a Jan. 11, 2012 ceremony at the agency's headquarters complex here.

Pollett has been the DISA Director since December 2008. He will retire after serving within the Department of Defense for more than 37 years.

Hawkins returns to DISA from Washington, D.C., where he is Deputy Director Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems (C4), Joint Staff, the Pentagon. He was the Vice Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency from September 2009 - July 2011.

- *Media wishing to be credentialed for the ceremony must RSVP with <u>name</u>, <u>organization/publication, equipment</u> and <u>contact information</u> by noon, JAN. 9, to DISAPAO@disa.mil.*
- Credentialed media will meet at the Fort Meade visitor control center off Reece Road at 12:45 p.m. for transport to the DISA campus (via government vehicles).
- Cell phones/Blackberries, pagers and other wireless devices (including wireless microphones) are not permitted inside the complex and should remain in vehicles. If necessary, content of recording devices and cameras is subject to security review.
- Topics beyond the scope of the change of command ceremony will be coordinated for another date/time through DISA public affairs.

About the Defense Information Systems Agency

DISA (www.disa.mil) is a Department of Defense combat support agency that provides real-time information technology and communications support to the president, vice president, secretary of defense, the military services, and the combatant commands. From its Fort Meade, Md., headquarters and through worldwide field activities, DISA offers IT services, capabilities and acquisition expertise that enable our nation's military to accomplish their missions. Contact us at DISAPAO@disa.mil or 301-225-8100.