



Defense Logistics Agency

Director

Vice Admiral Keith W. Lippert
Supply Corps, United States Navy

Vice Admiral Keith W. Lippert became the 14th Director of the Defense Logistics Agency on July 20, 2001.

The Defense Logistics Agency, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., is responsible for providing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and other federal agencies with a variety of logistics, acquisition and technical services in peace and war. These services include logistics information, materiel management, procurement, warehousing and distribution of spare parts, food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel, reutilization of surplus military materiel and document automation and production. This worldwide mission is performed by approximately 26,000 civilian and military personnel.

Prior to coming to DLA, Vice Admiral Lippert was the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command and 41st Chief of Supply Corps since August 1999. From 1997 to 1999, he served as Vice Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command.



Vice Admiral Lippert is a native of Chicago, Ill., and graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Fanwood, N.J. in 1965. He earned his commission through the regular Navy ROTC Program, graduating from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics in 1968. Additionally, he holds Master's Degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School in Management and in Operations Research (with distinction). In 1994, he attended the Senior Executive Program in National and International Security at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Vice Admiral Lippert's sea duty tours include Supply Officer, USS Queenfish (SSN 651), Assistant Supply Officer, USS Simon Lake (AS 33), and Supply Officer, USS Canopus (AS 34). Shore duty tours include assignments as Assistant Comptroller, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Operations Research Officer at the Navy Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Inventory Analysis Staff, Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington, D.C.; Executive Officer, Naval Supply Center, Jacksonville, Florida.; and Director, Spares Programs and Policy Branch in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Logistics.

In 1990 he rejoined the Naval Supply Systems Command as the Deputy Commander for Financial Management/Comptroller, with budget responsibility for a worldwide, multibillion-dollar supply system. While serving as Comptroller he was also responsible for Navy's successful Inventory Reduction Program.

From July 1993 to July 1995, Vice Admiral Lippert served as the Commander, Defense General Supply Center, Richmond, Va. In August 1995, he became the first Commander, Naval Inventory Control Point, with offices in Philadelphia, Pa., and Mechanicsburg, Pa.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legion of Merits, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals, Navy Achievement Medal, and Submarine Supply Dolphins. He is the recipient of the Society of Logistics Engineers 1992 International Award for outstanding performance in financial management/inventory control.