

New commander says teamwork key to continued success

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., May 31, 2001 – Army Col. John A. Marx became the nineteenth commander of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) during a ceremony here today at the Federal Center.



Army Lt. Gen. Henry T. Glisson (left), director of the Defense Logistics Agency, presides over the change of command ceremony passing leadership of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service from retiring Navy Capt. Richard H. Feierabend (center) to Army Col. John A. Marx (right).

Marx replaced retiring Navy Captain Richard H. Feierabend, who received the Defense Superior Service Award during the ceremony for his leadership of DRMS during the past two years. During his final remarks, Feierabend credited DRMS employees for the many accomplishments during his command.

"This award and the many mementos I have received today will be reminders of their teamwork and dedication," Feierabend said.

Marx also talked about the importance of teamwork during his initial remarks to the DRMS workforce. "Each of us has our strengths and weaknesses, and we need each other to compensate for areas where we are weak," he said. "We will, working together, accomplish our mission."

The new commander also called upon

DRMS employees to rededicate themselves to the commitment military members and government employees make to defend the Constitution. "Every person plays a role in supporting our national defense," Marx said.

His previous assignments include command of the Defense Distribution Depot, San Joaquin, Calif., and various staff assignments at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va., from 1995 to 1997. His military training includes the Logistics Executive Development Course, Fort Lee, Va.; Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; the Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

Born Nov. 30, 1951 in Beaver Falls, Pa., Marx started his military career through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business management in 1973. Additionally, he holds a master of business administration degree from the University of Scranton and a master's in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Marx's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Feierabend leaves the Navy with 25 years of service. He and his wife, Ann, plan to return home to Minnesota. The couple has one daughter, Elizabeth, a student at Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif.

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