

Kirk-McAlpine Retires After 37 Years of Service

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Patricia Kirk-McAlpine, former Defense Contract Management Agency Space and Missile Systems

executive director, retired June 3 in a ceremony at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., after 37 years' service.

Family members, friends, coworkers and members of the DCMA Council were among the more than 300 people at the ceremony.

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Darryl Scott, former DCMA director, officiated at the ceremony. Kirk-McAlpine said Scott officiated the ceremony because he is a long-time mentor of hers.

Kirk-McAlpine was presented the Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award, recognizing her years of service to the agency and the nation.

During her remarks, she thanked people who worked with her.

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Immediately following the ceremony, a luncheon was held in her honor at the same venue.

Kirk-McAlpine was the division's first, and only, director, and she was director of DCMA's Western Division before the agency realigned into product divisions.

Kirk-McAlpine began her career in the three-year Army Career Intern Program in 1973 at Huntsville, Ala. She worked for the

Air Force and the CIA before coming to DCMA. She was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 1998 and is certified in Contracting (Level III) and in Acquisition Program Management (Level III).

Her prior awards include: a Presidential Rank Award, the Patriot Award for outstanding support to the Guard and Reserves, and numerous performance and exceptional service awards as well as honors presented by civic groups.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and a Master of Business Administration from Alabama A&M. She completed the University of Southern California Executive Development Program, Harvard University Senior Executive Fellows Program, Syracuse University National Security Leadership Course, Air University Senior Executive Services Seminar and University of North Carolina Executive Development Course.

Kirk-McAlpine's future plans include working as a consultant to industry. [C](#)



Patricia Kirk-McAlpine, former Defense Contract Management Agency Space and Missile Systems Division executive director, observes as the DCMA flag is folded during a ceremony at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., recognizing her 37 years' service.