

years of experience in weapons systems acquisition.

Surprising his audience with a pop quiz, Bolton asked those attending to identify who wrote the first compiler and who was the first recognized computer programmer (Answer—Navy Adm. Grace Hopper and Augusta Ada Byron, respectively).

From this review of the roots of technology development, Bolton went on to discuss the evolution of Army transformation through the development of the Future Combat Systems (FCS). FCS, he said, is leading the Army to a Network Concentric Unit of Action where the soldier and the network are connected to assure the Army of information dominance. An enthusiastic “Hoo-AH” from the audience greeted Bolton’s announcement of the Army’s goal of victory through information dominance.

Using a dynamic slide presentation, Bolton demonstrated the concept of soldier-Web connectivity by forcing 200 legacy standalone systems through a funnel to form a select group of Web-enabled, joint systems. There is a great need within the Army, he said, to reduce unique legacy functional systems and migrate to Web-enabled, joint systems.

### A Worthy Cause

Sheila Andahazy, President of the AFCEA Belvoir Chapter, concluded Industry Day 2003 by thanking attendees for their participation. Andahazy noted that \$10,000 raised from Industry Day will support the AFCEA Belvoir Chapter’s annual scholarship fund for promoting science and technology at the local area secondary and middle schools, in addition to helping graduating seniors as they pursue a science and technology curriculum in college.

**Editor’s Note:** For more information on PEO EIS Industry Day 2003, including copies of the presentations and event photographs, visit the PEO EIS Web site at <http://www.eis.army.mil>. For information on the AFCEA Belvoir Chapter, visit the Chapter’s Web site at <http://www.horizons.com/afceabelvoir>.

# Aldridge Retires, Wynne Named Acting USD(AT&L)

**A**fter two years as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L), Edward C. “Pete” Aldridge Jr., officially retired from government on May 27, 2003. Principal Deputy Under Secretary (AT&L) Michael W. Wynne became the Acting USD(AT&L).

Aldridge was sworn in as Under Secretary on May 11, 2001. His career included 18 years of service in the Pentagon as an operations research analyst; as the Director of Planning and Evaluation under current Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld during Rumsfeld’s first tour as Secretary of Defense; and as Under Secretary and then Secretary of the Air Force under President Reagan.

In the 1980s Aldridge was an astronaut-in-training in preparation for his participation as a payload specialist on the first planned mission from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

During his tenure, Aldridge focused on a theme of “Acquisition and Logistics Excellence” and set five goals for the AT&L workforce. In his resignation letter, Aldridge noted “significant progress

on accomplishing these five goals and setting in place the acquisition, technology and logistics support activities” necessary for defense transformation.

Michael W. Wynne was sworn in as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (AT&L) on July 17, 2001. He also served as the Principal Deputy to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics.

Wynne spent 23 years with General Dynamics in various senior positions with aircraft (F-16), main battle tanks (M1A2), and space launch vehicles (Atlas and Centaur). He also spent three years with Lockheed Martin, having sold the Space Systems Division to [then] Martin Marietta. He successfully integrated the division into the Astronautics Company and became the general manager of the Space Launch Systems segment, combining the Titan with the Atlas Launch vehicles.

Prior to joining industry, Wynne served in the Air Force for seven years, leaving active duty as a captain and assistant professor of astronautics at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, teaching control theory and fire control techniques.



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