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Brig. Gen. Jan D. Eakle named Deputy Director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service

ARLINGTON, Va. (Nov. 13, 2003) -- The Defense Finance and Accounting Service recently named Brig. Gen. Jan D. Eakle (USAF) to be become the deputy director.

As Deputy Director for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Eakle will assist the DFAS Director Thomas R. Bloom in overseeing the day-to-day operations of the world's largest finance and accounting operation. DFAS provides responsive, professional finance and accounting service to the men and women who defend America. It employs about 15,000 people at 26 locations in the United States, Germany and Japan. In FY 2003, DFAS paid about 5.9 million people, processed more than 12.3 million contractor invoices, disbursed \$416 billion, performed 121 million accounting transactions and managed nearly more than \$194 billion in military trust funds.

"The DFAS team looks forward to welcoming General Eakle," Bloom said. "Her insight, leadership and experience will help DFAS continue to build its record of excellence in support of the men and women who defend America."

"I am excited about the opportunity to join the DFAS family. DFAS plays a critical role in our Nation's defense. It would be difficult to overstate the importance of delivering timely and professional finance and accounting services to all our customers," said Eakle. "Ensuring that our contractors and suppliers are paid in a timely manner means they will continue to want to do business in support of our warfighters. For our people, the peace of mind in knowing that their families will continue to receive all compensations due whether they are home or deployed translates to higher morale and improved retention. I look forward to being part of this great organization."

The final date to be announced soon.

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