

## **DEAN G. POPPS**



### **Former Assistant Secretary of the Army Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (Acting) and Former Army Acquisition Executive**

Dean G. Popps served two Administrations as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ALT) and the Army Acquisition Executive (AAE). He served in the Department of the Army as a political appointee from 2004 to 2010. He officially retired from government in April 2010 after his successor was confirmed by the United States Senate.

As both the Acting Assistant Secretary for (ALT) and the Principal Deputy, Mr. Popps served as the Service Acquisition Executive (SAE) and had similar counterparts in Navy and Air Force. He served as the Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Army, and the Army's Senior Research and Development official. He also has principal oversight responsibility for all Department of the Army matters related to logistics.

Mr. Popps led the execution of the Army's acquisition function and the acquisition management system which included more than 600 Army and Joint Programs of Record and an annual procurement budget of \$90B during wartime. His responsibilities included providing oversight for the life cycle management and sustainment of Army weapons systems and equipment from research and development through test and evaluation, acquisition, logistics, fielding, and disposition. Mr. Popps also oversaw the Elimination of Chemical Weapons Program. In addition, he was responsible for appointing, managing, and evaluating Program Executive Officers (PEOs) and managing the 42,000 person Army Acquisition Corps and the Army Acquisition Workforce. In 2009, he appointed the first woman to a PEO position in the history of the Army Acquisition Corps. He was also responsible for communicating key acquisition messages and information to Congress.

In 2008, from April to October, he served on the Commission on Wartime Contracting (CWC), an independent, bipartisan legislative commission established to study wartime contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

From 2004 until 2007 as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary ALT, he also served as the Director of Iraq Reconstruction and Program Management. He was primarily engaged in overseeing Army's executive agency of the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund ("IRRF"). His office, in partnership with the Army's Project and Contracting Office (PCO) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), successfully committed, obligated, and disbursed the majority of the Fund's \$18 billion for over 4,000 projects in Iraq.

In 2003, following the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, Mr. Poppo was recruited from the private sector to join the Department of Defense's Coalitional Provisional Authority (CPA) in Baghdad, Iraq, where he served as Director of Industrial Conversion to the Coalition, working to restructure and align the former regime's state-owned 52 Military Industry Commission companies into the new Iraqi Ministry of Science and Technology. He served as the first CPA Deputy Senior Advisor to that ministry and also assisted in the ministerial restructuring of the former Iraqi nuclear reactor site at Al-Tuwaitha while leading efforts to retain and re-direct thousands of former Iraqi WMD scientists. He was involved in non-proliferation, intelligence, and radiation source collection issues that have impacted post-war Iraq. He also served on the CPA's Iraq Transition Planning Team in June 2004 and worked to transfer authority to the new Iraqi government.

He has been recognized for his work, most notably with The Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award from Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III in 2004, The Secretary of Defense's Medal for the Global War on Terrorism in 2008, the US Army Engineer Regiment's Bronze de Fleury Medal in 2008 for work in Iraq Reconstruction, the US Army's Distinguished Civilian Service Medal in 2009 for his service as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army and Army Acquisition Executive, and the Secretary of the Army's 4-star Leadership Award in 2010.

Mr. Poppo was a successful telecommunications CEO, senior executive, attorney, consultant for two decades (1979 to 2003) prior to entering government service in 2003 in Iraq. He semi-retired in 1999 following the successful sale of the Dallas Fort Worth Teleport, a business he founded in 1984 along with the Trammell Crow family of Dallas.

He currently serves as Of Counsel to the law firm of Fluet Huber+Hoang ([www.fluetlaw.com](http://www.fluetlaw.com)) in Alexandria, VA and is a Senior Advisor to clients in the defense industry and is Co-Chairman of the Strategic Materials Advisory Council ([www.strategicmaterials.org](http://www.strategicmaterials.org)), a non-profit in Washington, DC and he is also a non-profit Director of the Vietnam Assistance Project (VAP) in McLean, Virginia. He is a Life Member of the Association of the United States Army.

On the for-profit, private side, he is a member of the Board of Directors of both the Eutelsat America Corporation ([www.eutelsatamerica.com](http://www.eutelsatamerica.com)) in Washington, DC with parent offices in Paris, France and Global Integrated Security (USA) of Reston, Virginia with parent offices in the UK ([www.globalgroup-gis.com](http://www.globalgroup-gis.com)). Additionally, he is a director of IAP Global Services, LLC, a holding company for IAP Worldwide Services, Inc of Cape Canaveral, Florida. He serves on the Government Services Committee (GSC), Finance, Audit, and Compensation and Governance committees, some as committee chair, within

those respective companies.

On the public company side, he served on the board of directors of Global Defense & National Security, Inc, a NASDAQ listed company, "GDEF", which went public in October 2013 as a Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC), until February 5, 2015. He served on the audit committee.

A known commentator on national security issues, he appears weekly on Sirius XM Patriot Network as a National Security Analyst for the David Webb Show and has made other radio and television news appearances on diverse programs such as the FoxNews Channel, Fox Business Network's Lou Dobbs, and The Food Network's popular *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives* with Chef Guy Fieri. He and his wife, Lise , live in McLean, Virginia and have four adult children.