

MTA Selects Naval Supply Officer to Head Procurement, Labor, Contract Compliance



(June 2, 2000) The MTA has selected Capt. Lonnie Mitchell, Jr., a U.S. Navy Supply Corps officer, as the new executive officer for Procurement, Labor and Contract Compliance.

Mitchell will replace Gwendolyn W. Williams, who was named acting executive officer in September, 1999. He plans to retire from the Navy, June 30, and will join the MTA in July. Williams told *MTA Report* she will remain with the MTA until at least September to effect the leadership transition.

Mitchell, 53, currently is vice commander of the Navy Exchange Service Command in Virginia Beach, Va. He is responsible for oversight of information systems, financial operations, contracting, human resources, training and planning for 113 retail complexes with \$1.7 billion in annual sales, 194 ships stores and 40 Navy Lodges.

Responsible for retail outlets

In previous assignments, Mitchell was responsible for the operation and performance of 35 Navy retail outlets with annual sales of \$340 million in 11 states and Iceland. In the mid-1990s, he managed an 1,800-member organization that purchased and distributed materials to Navy commands worldwide.

While stationed in Brussels, Belgium, from 1991 to 1994, Mitchell managed all Department of Defense and NASA contracts for a region that covered the Netherlands and Scandinavia.

Other assignments have included the Naval Air Systems Command where, as business financial manager, he was responsible for purchasing aircrew flight simulators. He also worked in the Office of the Naval Inspector General and had tours of duty aboard four warships.

Washington State graduate

Mitchell is a 1969 graduate of Washington State University, where he earned a BA in economics. He earned a Masters in acquisition management at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Navy Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars.

He and his wife, Mary Alice, a homemaker, have two daughters: Lacy, 21, a senior at the University of Virginia, and Allison, 17, a graduating high school senior.

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