

Mr. Kenneth B. Heitkamp

Assistant Air Force Chief Information Officer for Life-Cycle Management (AF-CIO/L)



Kenneth B. Heitkamp is the Assistant Air Force Chief Information Officer for Life-Cycle Management (AF-CIO/L), Washington, D.C. He is responsible for ensuring Air Force information technology life-cycle management programs, projects, policies, and performance measures are developed in accordance with Federal, DOD and USAF guidance, policy, architecture and standards. He coordinates strategic direction and maintains oversight of major IT lifecycle management initiatives such as the Air Force IT Commodity Council (ITCC).

Mr. Heitkamp entered federal service in August 1966 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He occupied many information technology, acquisition, and program management positions during his 37 year career with the Air Force, initially technical in nature with system software and applications programming and systems analysis followed by positions in software management, systems engineering, acquisition management, strategic planning and program management. These positions were associated with multi-billion dollar Air Force and DoD information technology programs and initiatives such as the DoD Small Computer Program, Integrated Computer Aided Software Engineering, Phases II through IV of the Air Force-wide Base Level Data Automation Standardization Program, the Defense Message System, the Global Combat Support System, several open systems initiatives within the federal government, and the Air Force Information Technology Commodity Council. Mr. Heitkamp was the Technical Director of the Air Force's Standard Systems Group from 1990 – 2004. He directed the 900-person Software Factory from 1998-2003 with responsibility for the development, maintenance, test and around the clock support for Air Force combat support software applications and network control center operations.

EDUCATION:

- 1975 Bachelor's degree in business administration, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
- 1979 Master's degree in public administration, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.
- 1979 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1980 Master's degree in business administration, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.
- 1987 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1990 Leadership in a Democratic Society, Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Va.
- 1994 Program for Senior Executive Fellows, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1966 - September 1971, Air Force Logistics Command computer center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
2. September 1971 - March 1976, systems programmer and section chief, Air Force Data Systems Design Center, Gunter Air Force Station, Ala.
3. March 1976 - November 1982, management positions related to Air Force-wide support of system software.

4. November 1982 - January 1984, chief, Contingency Operations Mobility Planning and Execution System support division, Air Force Data Systems Design Center, Gunter Air Force Station, Ala.
5. January 1984 - November 1984, chief, Standards and Technology Division, Air Force Data Systems Design Center, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
6. November 1984 - May 1985, technical director, Task Force IV (TFIV), Automated Systems Project Office (ASPO), Headquarters Standard Information Systems Center, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
7. May 1985 - August 1986, chief, Systems Engineering Division, Headquarters, Standard Information Systems Center, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
8. August 1987 - July 1989, director, Systems Management, Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems Support, Standard Systems Center, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
9. July 1989 - March 1990, deputy chief of staff, Advanced Technology and Concepts, Computer Systems Division, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
10. January 1990 - June 1991, technical director, Standard Systems Center, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
11. June 1991 - July 1992, executive director, Standard Systems Center, Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex, Ala.
12. July 1992 – January 2004, technical director, Standard Systems Group, Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex, Ala.
13. January 1998 to June 2003, software factory director, Standard Systems Group, Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex, Ala.
14. March 2004 – Present, Assistant Air Force Chief Information Officer for Life-Cycle Management, Washington, DC.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Electronic Systems Center's 1995 Harold M. Wright Award for Outstanding Civilian Achievement and Service
 AFCEA International Award for Excellence in Information Technology, June 1997
 GSA TrailBoss Special Achievement Award, 1997

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Level III Certification in Acquisition Program Management
 Level III Certification in Communications-Computer Acquisition Program Management
 Member, Information Technology Review Board (ITRB)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

GS-2 Aug. 22, 1966	GS-11 Sept. 24, 1972
GS-3 March 5, 1967	GS-12 Oct. 7, 1973
GS-5 March 3, 1968	GM-13 Oct. 27, 1974
GS-7 March 16, 1969	GM-14 Nov. 7, 1982
GS-8 March 29, 1970	GM-15 June 25, 1989
GS-9 Sept. 13, 1971	SES Mar 1, 2004

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