



Sue Dryden

**Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
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Sue Dryden, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Materiel Readiness. In this capacity she serves as the principal advisor to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) leadership on policies, procedures, and actions related to the materiel readiness of Department of Defense (DoD) weapons and other materiel systems. Ms. Dryden is responsible for the development and implementation of acquisition and sustainment strategies, policies, and processes that provide the Warfighter with cost-effective weapon system readiness across the life cycle, through an integrated defense industrial base.

Ms. Dryden served on active duty in the Air Force as a jet engine mechanic and management engineering technician.

She began her civil service career at Robins AFB in 1983 and has served in a wide range of logistics fields to include maintenance, budget, plans and programs, production management, logistics and program management. While chief of the Depot Maintenance Division, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Ms. Dryden led a dramatic turnaround by driving process improvements across all three Air Logistics Centers. As the Director of the 878th Aeronautical Systems Group, Aeronautical Systems Center, Ms. Dryden directed F-22 sustainment activities employing innovative and effective performance based logistics strategies to support the Air Force's premier fighter aircraft. As the Director, 309th Maintenance Wing, Ms. Dryden managed a \$1 billion annual budget, with a workforce of 8,000 employees at eight different locations, both overseas and stateside, and led significant improvements in quality, schedule, and cost of depot repair, overhaul, modification, regeneration and reclamation. As the Deputy Director of Logistics, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Ms. Dryden was responsible for organizing, training, and equipping more than 180,000 technicians and managers maintaining the Air Force global engagement aerospace weapons system inventory.



EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.
- 2006 Master of Science degree in logistics management, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville
- 2008 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2008 Air Force Enterprise Leadership, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2010 Leadership Enhancement Program, Center For Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
- 2011 DOD Vanguard Senior Executive Leadership Program, Washington, DC

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1978 Honor graduate, U.S. Air Force Basic Training
- 1996 Resource Adviser of the Year, AFMC
- 1996 Woman of Achievement, Robins AFB, Ga.
- 2008 Defense Logistics Contractor-Military Collaboration of the Year
- 2008 System Level Performance Based Logistics Award, Secretary of Defense
- 2009 Meritorious Civilian Service Award
- 2011 Meritorious Civilian Service Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Air Force Association
- Logistics Officers Association
- Senior Executives Association

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Life Cycle Logistics, Level III, Defense Acquisition University
- Program Management, Level III, Defense Acquisition University

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