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10th Annual LGBT Pride Month Celebration
Wednesday, June 9, 2021





Welcome

Rudy Coots

Chair of DoD Pride

National Anthem

SSG Kyle Tomlin

U.S. Army

Invocation

Chaplain, Major General Steven Schaick

U.S. Air Force

Remarks

Honorable Lloyd Austin

Secretary of Defense

Major General Leah Lauderback

Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, U.S. Space Force

LT Kristopher Moore

Surface Warfare Officer, U.S. Naval Academy





Rudy Coots

Chair of DoD Pride

Rudy Coots is an Operations Research Analyst in Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He is a founding member and current Chair of DoD Pride, an organization which serves as an Employee Resource Group for LGBT service members, civilian employees, contractors, and their families within the Department of Defense.



Chaplain (Major General) Steven Schaick

U.S. Air Force

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Steven A. Schaick is the Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. As a member of the special staff of the Chief of Staff, he establishes guidance and provides advice on all matters pertaining to the religious and moral welfare of Air and Space Force personnel. As Chief of Chaplains, he is the senior

pastor for more than 685,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the U.S. and overseas. He leads a Department of the Air Force Chaplain Corps of approximately 2,000 chaplains and religious affairs Airmen from the active duty and Air Reserve components. As a member of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, he and his colleagues advise the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on religious, ethical and quality-of-life concerns.

Chaplain Schaick is a native of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1976, serving four years as an F-15 Integrated Avionics Component Specialist. He is endorsed by the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) and was commissioned in the Air Force Reserve as a chaplain candidate in 1985 and into the active duty chaplaincy in 1988. Chaplain Schaick served three different major commands as a staff chaplain, followed by a special-duty assignment to Arlington National Cemetery. He led a division in the Center for Character Development at the United States Air Force Academy and went on to serve as a wing chaplain in Air Force Special Operations Command. Chaplain Schaick served as the deputy command chaplain for both Air Force Special Operations Command and Air Combat Command. He served as the Senior Staff Chaplain for the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency and the command chaplain for Air Education and Training Command. Prior to his current assignment, Chaplain Schaick served as the U.S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Chaplains.



Honorable Lloyd Austin

Secretary of Defense

Lloyd James Austin III was sworn in as the 28th Secretary of Defense on January 22, 2021. Mr. Austin is the principal assistant to the President in all matters relating to the Department of Defense and serves on the National Security Council.

Mr. Austin was born in Mobile, Alabama, and raised in Thomasville, Georgia. He graduated from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the Infantry. He holds a Master of Arts degree in counselor education from Auburn University, and a Master of Business Management from Webster University. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

His 41-year career in the Army included command at the corps, division, battalion, and brigade levels. Mr. Austin was awarded the Silver Star for his leadership of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. Seven years later, he would assume the duties of Commanding General of United States Forces – Iraq, overseeing all combat operations in the country.

After a tour as the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, Mr. Austin concluded his uniformed service as the Commander of U.S. Central Command, responsible for all military operations in the Middle East and Afghanistan. In this assignment, he led U.S. and coalition efforts to battle ISIS in Iraq and Syria. He retired from the Army in April, 2016.

Since his retirement from military service, Mr. Austin served on the Boards of Directors for Raytheon Technologies, Nucor, and Tenet Healthcare.



Major General Leah Lauderback

Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, U.S. Space Force

Maj. Gen. Leah G. Lauderback is the Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Headquarters U.S. Space Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In this capacity, she serves as the senior Intelligence Advisor to the Chief of Space Operations and is responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Space Operations for policy formulation, planning, evaluation, oversight and leadership of Space Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

Maj. Gen. Lauderback received her commission in 1993 from Clemson University. Her career as an intelligence officer spans the strategic, tactical and operational levels of war throughout the Pacific, Central, and European theaters of operation. She commanded at the Wing, Group and Squadron levels, served as the Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, and led as the Director of Intelligence for the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Southwest Asia.

She is a graduate and former instructor of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. Her operational tours include the Implementation Force – Bosnia Herzegovina, operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Odyssey Dawn and Inherent Resolve.



LT Kristopher Moore

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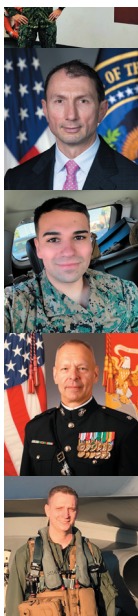
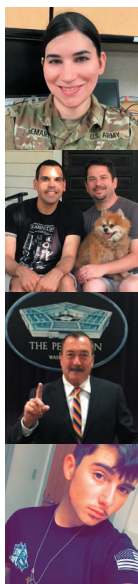
Kris Moore enlisted in the Navy in October 2005 as a Master-at-Arms. As the Assistant Leading Petty Officer, he was responsible for providing security at the Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific, Bangor, WA. He was accepted to the United States Naval Academy in 2010, was commissioned in May 2014, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in History.

In June 2014, he was assigned as First Lieutenant aboard the USS GRAVELY. He led Sailors through multiple certification exercises including Mobility-Seamanship & Search and Rescue Certifications. In November 2015 he was assigned as Auxiliaries Officer, where he deployed to Fifth and Sixth Fleet Areas of Operation, participating in multiple multi-nation naval exercises including Khunjar Hadd 21 and Operation RAGING TORRENT. In 2016 he became GRAVELY's Fire Control Officer responsible for the operation and maintenance of the AEGIS Fire Control system. He led his division through an AEGIS suite baseline upgrade, Sea Trials, Basic Training Phase, and preparations for deployment as part of Joint Warrior 2018.

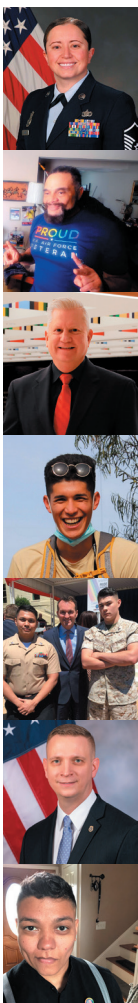
LT Moore was selected to the United States Naval Academy Leadership, Education, and Development Cohort in 2019 and earned a Master of Arts from George Washington University. Following graduate school, LT Moore became the 21st Company Officer at the US Naval Academy teaching Leadership: Theory and Application as well as Junior Officer Practicum for Midshipmen selected to be Surface Warfare Officers.

LT Moore will be attending Surface Warfare Officer Department Head School in August 2021.

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