

Arthur J. Myers

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Arthur J. Myers assumed the duties of Principal Director for Military Community and Family Policy in January 2009. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, he was responsible for policy, advocacy, and oversight of all community support to service members and families including quality of life issues; family and casualty assistance; morale, welfare and recreation programs; *Military OneSource* and *Military HOMEFRONT* Web sites; the Department of Defense Education Activity; and the Defense Department's commissary and exchange services. Mr. Myers retired after 48 years of service to the Department of Defense on 3 April 2010.

Mr. Myers graduated from Arts High School in Newark, N.J. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the Air Force, where he served 20 years on active duty. During his military career, Mr. Myers held several different positions in the morale, welfare and recreation, and comptroller fields. His assignments included Wheelus Air Base, Libya; five tours in Southeast Asia; Bitburg Air Base, West Germany; and several assignments in the continental United States.

In 1982, Mr. Myers began his civilian career with the Air Force where he held several positions at base and major command levels. He moved to Headquarters U.S. Air Force in February 1991 as the first deputy director of the organization, then known as Air Force Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Mr. Myers remained there through several reorganizations and assumed his position as director in January 1998.

Mr. Myers has a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, and a Master of Science degree in business management from Troy State University. He is a graduate of the Program for Senior Managers in Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters. His civilian awards include 1980 U.S. Air Force Club Manager of the Year, five Decorations for Exceptional Civilian Service, two Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Awards, and the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award. Mr. Myers was recognized with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Leadership Award by the International Military Community Executives Association, a Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Logistics Association, a National Service to Youth Award and an Alumni Hall of Fame by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. In 2008, he was awarded the honorary rank and title of Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force.