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Rear Admiral Kathleen K. Paige is the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) Technical Director, Missile Defense Agency (MDDA), Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. The BMDS Technical Director serves as the principal advisor to the MDA Director on all matters related to the planning and technical performance of ballistic missile defense system program integration, systems integration and engineering, contracting strategies, testing and assessment, quality/reliability and productivity, advanced concept development, safety and mission assurance, and force structure integration and deployment.

A native of Schenectady and raised in Scotia, N.Y., Rear Adm. Paige is a 1970 graduate of the University of New Hampshire and received her commission in 1971. She completed her Master of Science Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1976 in Monterey, Calif. She was designated an Engineering Duty Officer in 1981.

Rear Adm. Paige's first tour of duty was at VFP-63 San Diego, Calif. Subsequent tours of duty included: Fleet Combat Direction System Support Activity, San Diego; Acquisition Manager in the Navy's Standard Embedded Computer Resource Office, Arlington, Va.; *Aegis* C3 Warfare Officer and Combat Systems Baseline Manager for the *Aegis* Shipbuilding Program; Chief Engineer, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.; and Technical Director, *Aegis* Program Office.

Her first Flag Officer assignment was as the Commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Arlington, Va., in July 1996. In June 1998, she assumed duties as the Director, Theater Air and Missile Defense and Systems Engineering in the Program Executive Office for Theater Surface Combatants. In April 1999, she was assigned the additional responsibility as Chief Engineer to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition. She assumed her present duties at MDA in July 2001.

Rear Adm. Paige's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (3 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.