



Historical Office Office of the Secretary of Defense

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OSD Historical Office Mission Statement

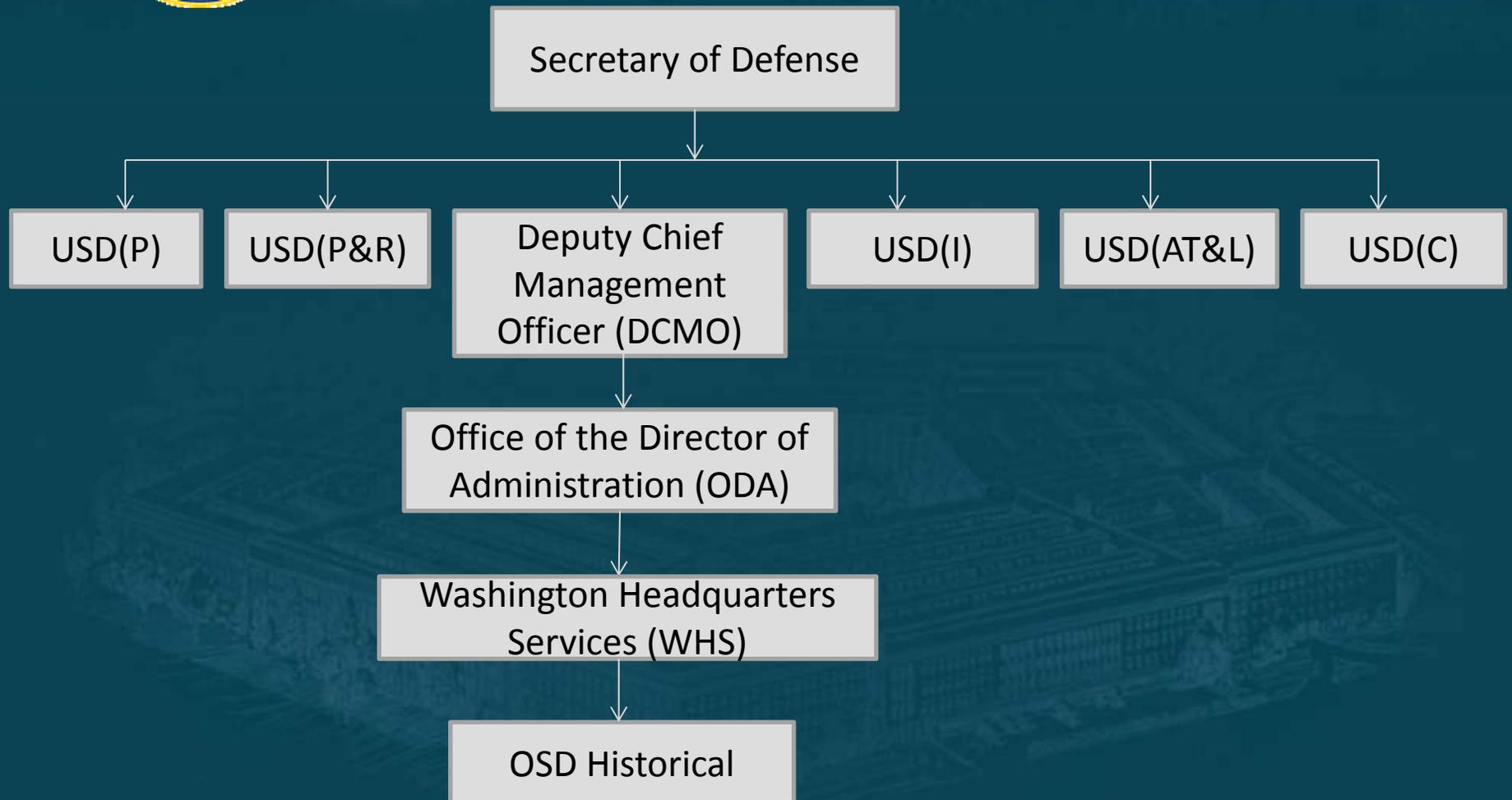
The mission of the historical office is to collect, preserve, and present the history of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, in order to support Department of Defense leadership and inform the American public.

Key Responsibilities

- Prepare and publish the series, Secretaries of Defense Historical Series.
- Provide expertise in support of the historical activities of the Department of Defense.
- Represent the Department of Defense before other government agencies on matters related to history, including serving on advisory panels and commissions on behalf of DoD.
- Coordinate joint historical efforts among the military service and Defense Agency history offices.
- Prepare special historical studies and perform special assignments.

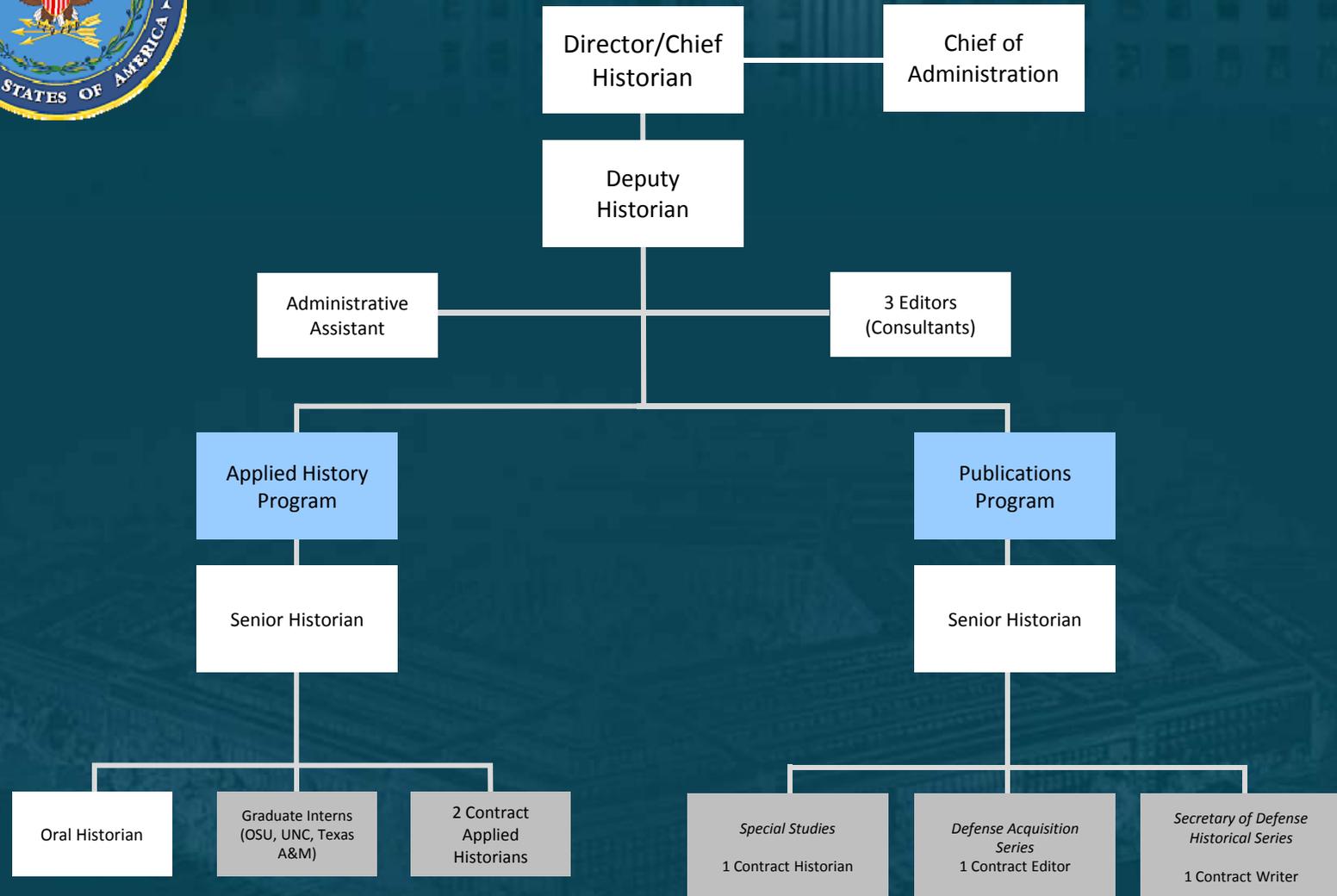


Chief Historian Reporting Line of Authority





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Publications



Latest Release

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and the Foundation of the Post-Vietnam Military

— 1969-1973 —

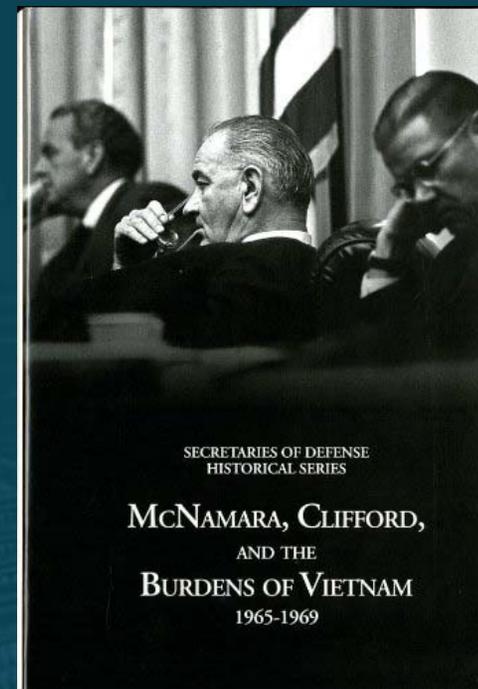
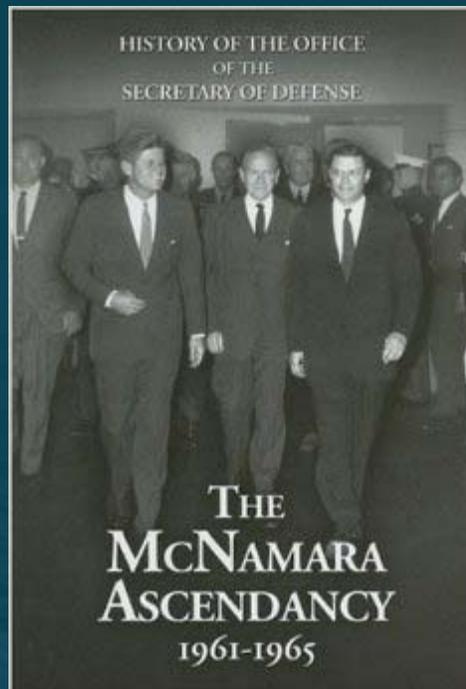
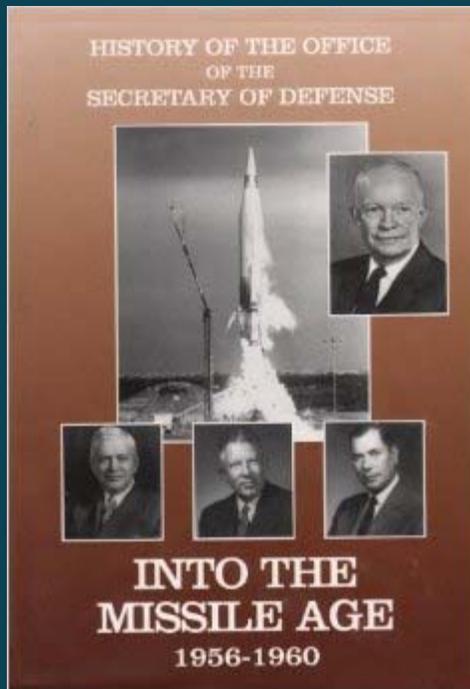
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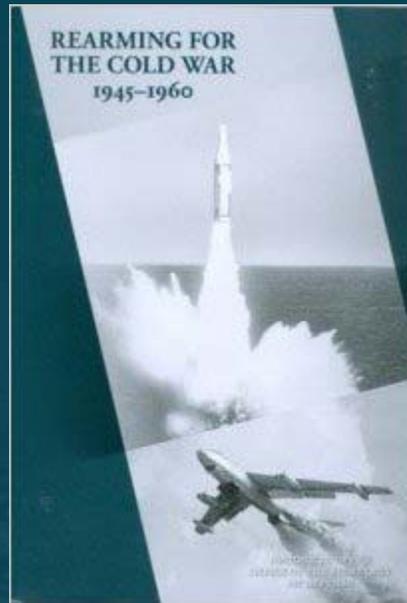


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Oral History Program

- Collection contains over 500 interviews with current and former DoD officials.
- Most recent interviews: Secretaries Donald Rumsfeld, Chuck Hagel, Leon Panetta, Ashton Carter





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Dr. Max Friedman
American University

Tuesday, 24 February, 2015

1300 – 1400

Pentagon Conference Center (B6)



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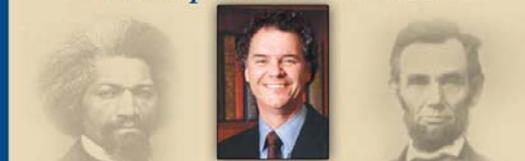
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For more information about this event
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or visit our website at <http://history.defense.gov>
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Emancipation Proclamation



Edward L. Ayers
President of the University of Richmond
Author of *In the Presence of Mine Enemies*

Monday, February 4, 2013

1500 – 1600

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Pentagon Commemorations



- World War II Exhibit
- ANZAC Day Celebration





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A screenshot of a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the "HISTORY OF THE PENTAGON" website. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://history.defense.gov/pnt_history.shtml". The website has a dark blue background with a light yellow sidebar on the left containing a navigation menu with the following items: HISTORY (highlighted), RENOVATIONS, 9/11 ATTACK, PUBLICATIONS, and IMAGES. The main content area features the title "HISTORY OF THE PENTAGON" and a paragraph of text starting with "Three buildings housing great institutions of the U.S. government...". To the right of the text are three historical images: a black and white photo of people working with a large map, a black and white photo of the Pentagon under construction, and a black and white aerial photo of the completed Pentagon building. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including "Inbox - Microsoft Outlook", "ScheduleRequestREV2.d...", "OSD Historical new.pptx", and "HISTORY OF THE PENT...". The system tray shows the time as 3:21 PM.



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Historical Reference Inquiries

Official Reference Inquiries:

- Secretary of Defense speechwriters – provided archival material and historical background in preparation for NATO Defense Ministerial meeting.
- Photo Research for Secretary of Defense and Diversity Management Office.
- Background briefing for Senior Military Assistant



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Other Reference Inquiries

- Fact checking for Senate Armed Services Committee
- Various news organizations: Washington Post, Military Times, Chicago Tribune.
- Academic Institutions: National Defense University, George Washington University, University of North Carolina
- Independent scholars



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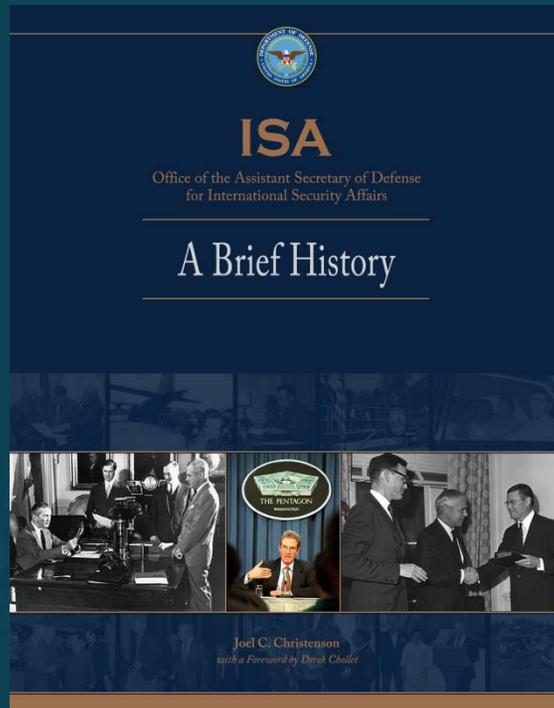
Pentagon Tours





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Short Studies



Upcoming Short Studies:

-A study on the National Security Personnel System

-The role of the Deputy Secretary of Defense

-Classified study on the Seawolf program

-Evolution of DoD Cyber Policy



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Key Officials Database



- Provides a brief background and dates of tenure for all top-level DoD officials dating back to 1947.
- Updated quarterly and posted on OSD Historical Office website.



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Secretary of Defense Chronicle of Tenure

- Collect Secretary of Defense public statements, calendars, trip books for the historical record and provided to each Secretary at end of tenure.

