

Brigadier General Colleen L. McGuire Becomes PMG of the Army, Takes Command of CID

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Brigadier General Colleen L. McGuire was sworn in as the Provost Marshal General (PMG) of the Army and assumed command of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) (commonly referred to as “CID”) in a ceremony held at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on 14 January 2010. Brigadier General McGuire, the first woman to hold either of these positions, succeeds Brigadier General Rodney L. Johnson, who is retiring after 33 years of service.

General Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, hosted the assumption of command ceremony. During his remarks, which were addressed to the Army law enforcement team, he stated, “I absolutely believe Brigadier General Colleen McGuire is the right person to lead you in the challenging days ahead. She is a proven, gifted leader—both in garrison and combat.”

During her nearly 30 years of active service, Brigadier General McGuire has been assigned in key command and staff billets, from platoon level to the Army staff. She graduated from the University of Montana, where she was commissioned in the Military Police Corps. She holds a master’s degree in military arts and sciences from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and a master’s degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Brigadier General McGuire’s awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak-leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

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