



# Biography

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## **Ms. Renea C. Yates** **Director, Office of Army Cemeteries** **United States Army**

Ms. Renea C. Yates was born in Amherst, Ohio and is a 1989 Distinguished Military Graduate from Norwich University, Military College of Vermont. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategy from the Naval Postgraduate School. She served as a Military Police platoon leader and later executive officer/Site Security Officer for the 588<sup>th</sup> MP Company, 72<sup>nd</sup> Ordnance Battalion in Kriegsfeld, Germany and ensured the security of special weapons. She later served as the S-2 officer for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Ordnance Battalion, the Assistant Provost Marshal and Operations Officer FT Lewis, WA and commanded the HHD, 504<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion, deploying the Battalion Headquarters to Haiti in 1995.

In 1998, she received language proficiency in Russian and was assigned to the George C. Marshall Center in Garmisch, Germany, as a Eurasian Foreign Area Officer intern. While there, she served with the Russian Airborne Brigade in Uglivick, Bosnia, as the liaison officer to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and later the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division as part of Multi-National Division North. After resident attendance at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS, she served as the Executive Officer to the 787<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion and the 14<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade S3 at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. She later served on the Army Staff as a strategic planner in the Office of the Provost Marshal General's Initiatives Group, and then performed duties as Director of Emergency Services/Provost Marshal for the Fort Myer Military Community. On 13 July 2007, LTC Yates assumed command of the Washington Criminal Investigation Battalion located at Fort Myer, VA. After Command, she performed duties as a Special Assistant to the Director of the Army Staff in the Chief of Staff of the Army's office, Headquarters Department of the Army, Pentagon. Her final assignment was as the Special Assistant to the Executive Director, Arlington National Cemetery and the Designated Federal Official for the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery. She retired from active duty in June 2012 and later that year assumed duties as a Headquarters Department of the Army civilian working as the Deputy Superintendent for Cemetery Administration and the Federal Advisory Committee Analyst at Arlington National Cemetery. She is currently the Director of the Office of Army Cemeteries.

Her decorations and awards include the Civilian Service Commendation Medal and the following active duty military awards: the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and the Army Superior Unit Award, the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2), the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (2), the Haiti UN Medal, the NATO Bosnia Medal and the Parachutists Badge.

Ms. Yates' maiden name is Curfman and she is the widow of LTC(R) Douglas R. Yates. They have two children, Caroline and Jeffrey.