



Biography

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Ms. Renea C. Yates

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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. Upon completion of the Military Police Officer Basic Course at Ft McClellan, AL, she was assigned as a platoon leader, and later executive officer/Site Security Officer for the 588th MP Company, 72nd Ordnance Battalion in Kriegsfeld, Germany and ensured the security of special weapons. She later served as the S-2 officer for the 72nd Ordnance Battalion. Upon completion of the Military Police Officer Advance Course, she was assigned as Assistant Provost Marshal Operations Officer Fort Lewis, WA and commanded the HHD, 504th 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 1st Calvary Division and later the 10th Mountain Division as part of Multi-National Division North. Following Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS, she served as the Executive Officer to the 787th Military Police Battalion and the 14th Military Police Brigade S3 at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. She served on the Army Staff as a strategic planner in the Office of the Provost Marshal General's Initiatives Group at the Pentagon, LTC Yates performed duties as Director of Emergency Services/Provost Marshal for the Fort Myer Military Community. LTC Yates commanded the Washington Criminal Investigation Battalion located at Fort Myer, VA from 2007-2009 and later 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 2012 and then became 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 and in January 2025 was assigned to perform the duties as the Acting Superintendent, Army National Military 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.