

Lt. Gen. Mary A. Legere '82 to Give Commencement Address

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Lt. Gen. Mary A. Legere, the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence will deliver the commencement speech at UNH Saturday, May 18, 2013.

A native of Dover and 1982 graduate of UNH, Legere earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science and was commissioned through ROTC as a 2nd Lt. in the Army's military intelligence corps. A graduate of the Army's military intelligence basic and advanced courses at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., she also holds master's degrees from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

Legere's military career spans three decades and includes tours in Germany, the Republic of Korea, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Hood, Texas and the Pentagon. She has commanded at every level of the Army, including battalion command with the First Cavalry Division, brigade command in the Republic of Korea, and as the commanding general of the U.S. Army's Intelligence and Security Command, the Army's largest intelligence organization with more than 17,000 soldiers and civilians in 24 countries around the globe. In addition to assignments as the Deputy G-2, III Corps, Fort Hood and special assistant to the commanding general, Combined Forces Command, Legere served as the J-2, deputy chief of staff for intelligence, U. S. Forces Korea.

A combat veteran, she has deployed on numerous operations including Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Operation Iraqi Freedom, where she completed 18 months as the chief of staff for intelligence, Multi-National Force Iraq from April 2008 to September 2009.

In April 2012, following 26 months as the commanding general of the U.S. Army intelligence and security command, she was promoted to Lt. Gen. and selected to be the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence. As the department senior intelligence officer, she is responsible to the secretary of the Army and chief of staff of the Army for overseeing the readiness, modernization and development of the 58,000 soldiers and civilians in the Army's military intelligence corps.

Legere's numerous awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal.

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