



Sequence of Events

Arrival of the Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation

Chaplain (COL) Martin Cho

Presiding Officer's Remarks

BG Anne-Marie Wiersgalla

Pinning and Oath of Office

Remarks

COL Michael Duval

The Army Song

Reception to follow



COL Duval, his wife Erika, and his sons Garrett and Carson would like to thank everyone for attending today's ceremony. Special thanks to the following individuals who helped make this event a success!

BG Anne-Marie Wiersgalla
CSM Katrina Richardson
Mrs. Kirstin Morton
Mrs. Casey Toliver

CPT Sophie Rosado
1SG Candice Bromell
1LT Abigail Bloom
MSG Brandi Baker

Please stay for a reception following the ceremony to congratulate COL Duval and his family.



U.S. ARMY



Promotion Ceremony in honor of

Lieutenant Colonel Michael A. Duval

Host and Presiding Officer

BG Anne-Marie Wiersgalla

Commanding General
7th Signal Command (Theater)

**3 October 2025
1200 hours**

Club Meade
Fort Meade, Maryland



BG Anne-Marie Wiersgalla

Commanding General
7th Signal Command (Theater)

Brigadier General (BG) Anne-Marie R. Wiersgalla is Commanding General, 7th Signal Command (Theater), headquartered on Fort Meade, Maryland and Fort Gordon, Georgia. In this role, BG Wiersgalla commands a workforce of 5,000 Soldiers and Civilians who maintain and protect the Army's networks

throughout the continental United States and globally via satellite communications and Army communications support teams. She also serves as Deputy Commanding General, Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM).

Born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, BG Wiersgalla graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and was commissioned in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. She later earned a Master of Arts in diplomacy from Norwich University, a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College. Prior to her current role, BG Wiersgalla was the U.S. Southern Command Director of Communication Systems and Chief Information Officer (J-6/CIO). She previously held positions including Platoon Leader, 19th Theater Army Area Command; Company Executive Officer, A Co, 51st Signal Battalion; Brigade Signal Officer, 82nd Division Support Command; Company Commander, HHC, 72nd Signal Battalion; Telecommunications Systems Engineer, 72nd Signal Battalion; Brigade S6, 5/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team; Battalion Commander, 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion; Chief of Data Strategy and Policy, Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA), Chief Information Office (CIO)/G-6; Director, Strategic Initiatives Group/Strategic Communications, HQDA, CIO/G-6; Commander, 1st Signal Brigade; and Chief of Staff, Eighth U.S. Army.

Her joint assignments include Joint Plans, Exercise, and Readiness Branch Chief, Defense Information Systems Agency and Deputy Director, Current Operations, Joint Force Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Networks, United States Cyber Command. BG Wiersgalla's operational deployments included Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 05-07 as well as to Afghanistan for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM 09-11.

BG Wiersgalla's military education includes the Signal Officer Basic Course; Basic Airborne Course; Jumpmaster Course; United States Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School; Combined Arms Services and Staff School; Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Planners Course; Joint Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Staff and Operations Course; Naval Command and Staff College; Defense Strategy Course; Advanced Strategic Art Program; and Army War College. Her awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), and Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster). She is qualified and authorized to wear the Senior Parachutist Badge and the Army Staff Badge. Her foreign decorations include the Venezuelan Parachutist Badge.



LTC Michael A. Duval

Chief of Staff
7th Signal Command (Theater)

LTC(P) Duval began his military service in the Louisiana National Guard as an infantryman with the 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized) and later commissioned as a Signal Officer through ROTC in May 2003. After graduating from the Signal Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia,

LTC(P) Duval was assigned to HSC, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Carson, Colorado. Serving as the Signal Detachment Commander and Combined Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula liaison, he deployed to Iraq twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2005 & 2007). After returning from his second deployment, he attended the Signal Officer Advanced Course with a follow on assignment to HHC, 2nd Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division located at Fort Hood, Texas. He took command of HHC and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2009). After redeploying, he took command of Bravo Company, 2nd Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

After his second Company Command, LTC(P) Duval served as the Brigade S6, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and deployed to Iraq, overseeing theater retrograde operations, in support of Operation New Dawn (2011). Upon his return from Iraq, LTC(P) Duval was assigned to C CO, HHBN, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina as the Division G6 Planner. He was then selected to serve as the Brigade S6 for 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. He next served in a joint assignment as the Joint Data Network Operations Officer and Deputy Branch Chief within the Current Operations Division, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea at Yongsan, Korea. In June 2017 LTC(P) Duval was assigned to the Mission Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as a Mission Command Observer Coach Trainer and later assigned as the Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence Integrator. After this assignment he served as the Professor of Military Science for Louisiana State University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from June 2000 to May 2022. In June 2022 he assumed command of the 39th Strategic Signal Battalion, Chievres Air Base, Belgium with follow on as a Army War College Fellow at Carnegie Mellon University.

LTC(P) Duval holds a Bachelors Degree from Northwestern State University and a Master of Arts in Information Technology Management from Webster University. His military education includes the Signal Officer Basic Course, Battalion and Brigade Signal Officer Course, Special Operations Communications Systems Operator Course, Signal Officer Advanced Course, Digital Master Gunner Course, Intermediate Level Education, Army War College – Carnegie Mellon University Fellow, Jumpmaster Course, and the Joint Combined Warfighting School.

LTC(P) Duval's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2). LTC(P) Duval has also earned the Basic Parachutist Badge and Combat Action Badge, as well as Dutch and Indonesian foreign parachute wings.

LTC(P) Duval is married to the former Erica Guidry of Louisiana and they have two sons; Garrett Michael (16) and Carson Andrew (11).



THE ARMY SONG

VERSE:

March along, sing our song,
with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true,
who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

CHORUS:

First to fight for the right,
and to build the Nation's might,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

REFRAIN:

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong
(two; three).
For where'er we go, you will always know,
That the Army Goes Rolling Along.

