

## **Army's First Female Program Executive Officer Begins Tenure**

The U.S. Army marked a historic milestone on Nov. 20, 2009, when BG N. Lee S. Price became its first female program executive officer. Price became leader of Program Executive Office Command, Control, and Communications Tactical (PEO C3T) during a change of charter ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, presided over by Dean G. Popps, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology and Army Acquisition Executive. "BG Price is an excellent choice to lead this PEO," said Popps. "She has the technical background, management skills, and full understanding of our Soldiers' needs."

Price will now lead a workforce of more than 1,900 employees stationed around the world and an annual budget that exceeded \$6 billion in 2009. She rejoins the Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) community. Price will lead eight program offices and continue her predecessor MG Nickolas G. Justice's efforts to rapidly field Army Team C4ISR capabilities in alignment with the Army Force Generation process, integrate multiple stand-alone systems within platforms and tactical operations centers into singular, standardized architectures, and create shared efficiencies between the acquisition and science and technology communities as technologies are transitioned between them. "I thank you for what you have done; I thank you for what you are doing; and I thank you for what you will continue to do," Price told the PEO C3T staff.

During the Nov. 20 ceremony, Popps presented the Legion of Merit Award to Price for her work in delivering an integrated Brigade Combat Team (BCT) capability to the Army in her previous

assignment as Deputy Program Manager for the former Future Combat Systems BCT-Network Integration, now known as PEO Integration. She also received the Army Acquisition Excellence Award for Project Manager (PM) of the Year in October 2004 when she served as PM Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems.

Price's new position as PEO C3T's leader demonstrates the increasing significance of women in today's Army operations. Her tenure as the first female Army program executive officer continues a historic trend, marked notably in July 2008 when the Senate unanimously confirmed GEN Ann E. Dunwoody as the Army's first female 4-star general. We congratulate Price on her notable accomplishment and look forward to celebrating her successes at PEO C3T.