

COLONEL KIM S. MCGHEE Commander, Area Support Group - Balkans Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

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COL Kim S. McGhee, a native of Charleston, West Virginia, began her military service in 1995 as an enlisted Soldier in the West Virginia Army National Guard. She was commissioned into the Transportation Corps in 2000 and held various leadership positions at the platoon level. After successful completion of company command, COL McGhee branch transferred to the Signal Corps and was selected to serve in the Title-10 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program at the National Guard Bureau (NGB).

Colonel McGhee's held several staff positions at the operational and strategic levels. Her previous field grade assignments include: J6 Director of Communications, Special Operations Joint Task Force Central; Senior Reserve Component Advisor, U.S. Army Forces Command G6; Cyber and Information Operations Mission Director, Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC), Office of the Secretary of Defense; Division Chief, Joint Command, Control, Communications, Computers (C4) and Cyber, J6/CIO Directorate, NGB; Branch Chief, Information Technology Infrastructure and Web Services, G6 Directorate, ARNG; and Executive Officer to the Director, J6, Chief Information Office, NGB. COL McGhee has also served as a Legislative Liaison on the Secretary of the Army Staff and in the U.S. Senate managing the Army's legislative equities in the cyber, space, missile defense, Information Technology, and tactical radio portfolios. She has had numerous assignments and roles in support of Domestic Operations (DOMOPs) and Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA).

Colonel McGhee is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JCWS), Command and General Staff Advanced Operations Course (AOC), Combined Arms Exercise (CAX), Signal Captains Career Course and the Transportation Officer Basic (Distinguished Graduate) and Advance Course. Colonel McGhee holds a Master of Science degree in National Strategic Studies from the Army War College, a Master in Business Administration (MBA) degree from Touro University and a Bachelor in Business Administration from Marshall University. Additionally, she has obtained a Chief Information Officer Certificate (CIO) in graduate studies from National Defense University.

Colonel McGhee's military awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Mobilization Device), Army Staff Identification Badge, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Department of the Army Staff Badge. She is also a recipient of the Signal Corp Bronze Order of Mercury.

COL McGhee is married to Fred Tyson.