

## Collyar frocked to Brigadier General

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Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Commander COL(P) Lynn A. Collyar, USA, was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in a frocking ceremony Nov. 20 in McNamara Auditorium. Hosted by Defense Logistics Agency Director LTG Robert Dail, USA, many people who had influenced BG Collyar's career gathered for the event.

The frocking ceremony allows a person to wear a promoted rank before the official promotion occurs. Following the ceremony, BG Collyar will lead the review of the current distribution structure, including the military services and DLA warehouses that support both Afghanistan and Iraq.

In his remarks, LTG Dail emphasized the honor of promoting people within the military. "Choosing, selecting, promoting, and advancing America's best and brightest senior leaders to general officer rank is the most important thing we do," he said.

LTG Dail recalled several memories of BG Collyar from his Army career. BG Collyar had served as LTG Dail's executive officer during an assignment at Fort Bragg, N.C.

BG Collyar's frocking order was then read to the audience, and BG Collyar's wife, Sarah, joined him to pin the insignia onto his uniform. He then took the oath of appointment in which he promised to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic."

LTG Dail presented him with the general officer belt. Before BG Collyar fastened it to his waist, LTG Dail encouraged him to remember the honor of wearing the belt. "When you have it on, you think of the great



DLA Director LTG Robert T. Dail, USA (left), and newly frocked DDC Commander BG Lynn Collyar, USA, hold BG Collyar's one-star flag.

men and women who have worn that belt: [George] Marshall, [Douglas and Arthur] MacArthur and [George] Patton," LTG Dail said.

DLA CSM David Roman, USA, then unfurled BG Collyar's one-star flag.

The newly frocked general thanked family, friends and mentors in the audience for attending the ceremony. "The Army surrounds you with great people," he said.

BG Collyar recalled the difficult decision he faced as a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy when he wanted to leave. "The most important decision I ever made in my life was the decision to go back to West Point," he said.

He made the decision because

of the strong bonds with his peers. "Bonds that I couldn't leave them and break them," he said. "Instead 31 years later, here I am."

He thanked LTG Dail and other Army leaders for their mentorship and dedication. He expressed enthusiasm for the promotion and concluded, "This just provides me the opportunity to continue to serve."



LTG Dail and BG Collyar's wife, Sarah, pin BG Collyar with insignia.