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Brigadier General Patrick J. O'Reilly Receives Rank of Army Major General

Redstone Arsenal, Ala. -- Brigadier General Patrick J. O'Reilly, Missile Defense Agency Deputy Director, received the rank of Army Major General during a ceremony today at the Bob Jones Auditorium. Lieutenant General Henry "Trey" Obering III, Missile Defense Agency director, officiated at the ceremony.

In his role as Deputy Director, Missile Defense Agency, General O'Reilly oversees the Agency's efforts to develop, test, integrate and sustain a worldwide capability to defend the United States, its deployed forces, allies and friends from ballistic missile attacks of all ranges and in all phases of flight. He has held a variety of Army operational command and staff positions in the United States and in Europe.

General O'Reilly was commissioned in the US Army Ordnance Corps upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy. He has earned Masters Degrees in Physics, National Security and Strategic Studies, and Business and is a graduate of the US Naval College of Command and Staff; and the US Army War College.

The Missile Defense Agency is relocating a majority of its functions from the National Capital Region to Redstone Arsenal as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision. The Agency's mission is to develop and field an integrated, layered, ballistic missile defense system to defend the United States, its deployed forces, allies, and friends against all ranges of enemy ballistic missiles in all phases of flight.

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