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Missile Defense Agency Director "Pins On" Rank of Lieutenant General

Air Force Lieutenant General Henry A. "Trey" Obering, Director of the Missile Defense Agency in Washington, DC, officially "pinned on" his three-star rank today.

Formerly the MDA Deputy Director, Lt. Gen. Obering became the seventh director of MDA and its predecessor organizations on July 2, 2004.

Lt. Gen. Obering has more than 31 years of active Air Force service. He is a native of Birmingham, Ala., and entered the Air Force in 1973 after completing the University of Notre Dame's ROTC program as a distinguished graduate. He received his pilot wings in 1975 and flew operational assignments in the F-4E Phantom jet fighter. The general was later assigned to the Space Shuttle program where he participated in 15 space shuttle launches as a NASA orbiter project engineer and was responsible for integrating firing room launch operations. Other assignments include tours with the Air Force Inspector General, the Defense Mapping Agency and the Air Force Electronic Systems Center. Prior to his assignment to the Missile Defense Agency, he served as the Mission Area Director for Information Dominance programs at Air Force Headquarters in Washington where he was responsible for 68 joint, Air Force and international programs with a \$28 billion budget.

He is a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is also a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College, and received a Master of Science degree in astronautical engineering from Stanford University.

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