

Lt. Gen. Tucker Assumes Command of First Army

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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. - Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker was promoted during a ceremony hosted by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno in the Pentagon to his current rank and assumed command of First Army today.

An official ceremony recognizing Tucker's assumption of command is being planned and will be held on Rock Island Arsenal's Memorial Field; date and details will be released by First Army.

The Senate recently confirmed Tucker to receive his third star and serve as the commanding general of First Army - headquartered at Rock Island Arsenal - and its subordinate units located throughout the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Tucker has served more than 34 years in various Army command and staff positions. His most recent assignment was as the assistant deputy chief of staff for Army Operations and Training at the Pentagon. His previous duties include commander of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and overseas combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

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