
General McNamara replaces Army Maj. Gen. John W. Holly, who is retiring after more than 32 years of active military service. General Holly also served as program director of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense element of the Ballistic Missile Defense System since 2001, and was responsible for the development, testing, training and deployment of the initial capability to defend the United States against a limited long-range ballistic missile attack.

General McNamara joined the Missile Defense Agency in 2004, serving as the Director, Force Structure Integration and Deployment. His previous assignments include duty in the United States, Europe and the Middle East. He has commanded Army air defense artillery units from the platoon to the battalion level, and also in operations, material requirements and as an operations research senior analyst for command, control, communications and countermeasures.

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