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## **Army's Top Cop Promoted to Major General**

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**QUANTICO, VA,** October 27, 2014 – During a formal ceremony October 10 at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Officers' Club, the United States Army's senior law enforcement professional was promoted to the rank of Major General.

Major General Mark S. Inch, the Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army (PMG) and the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) and Army Corrections Command (ACC), took the oath of office as he was sworn in by his predecessor before his fellow general officers and National Capital Region (NCR) senior leaders, family and friends.

"As I told Gen. Odierno when I was making the recommendation in his office one day, the perfect guy is Mark Inch," said Maj. Gen. David E. Quantock, the Special Assistant to the Director of the Army Staff, and the former Provost Marshal General of the Army and former commanding general of CID and ACC. "He is absolutely the right guy, with the right credentials, with the right experience to go do this job."

Major General Inch's prior principal assignments include Commandant and Commander of the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Deputy Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army, Commandant of the U.S. Army Military Police School, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Commander, Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

"A few weeks ago I had the great honor of taking off command and giving it to him and I could not think of a better guy because whether it's peace time or war time, Mark Inch has been there," Maj. Gen. Quantock said. "So he is absolutely the right guy, at the right time to not only lead our Military Police Corps Regiment into the future but to lead our Army into the future so this is an easy promotion, very well deserved, and I am just so

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honored to promote Mark to the rank of Major General."

With the assistance of Maj. Gen. Quantock, Inch's wife Bettie and their children set aside the Army's "Top Cop's" single star rank and pinned on his twin stars. Bettie Inch serves as a DoD civilian with OSD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) and several of the children are serving in the U.S. Army or Army National Guard. Following the promotion ceremony and swearing in by his former boss, the newly promoted Maj. Gen Inch took the floor.

After thanking the Director of the U.S. Army Staff, Lt. Gen. William T. Grisoli, fellow senior leaders in attendance, his family, and the officers who helped mentor him throughout his career, Maj. Gen. Inch stressed the importance of the responsibility placed upon those in leadership and how he found himself where he is today.

"Very early in my career I had a plan, and that was to become a Chaplin," Maj. Gen. Inch said.

"However, upon coming in, it took me very little time to realize that the opportunities we have to work with and lead our Soldiers and take care of our Soldiers are very precious and truly an honor so I decided to stay as a line officer for as long as the Army felt I was qualified to lead," Inch said. "And I am so very grateful for this opportunity to continue to serve my country, the Army and those men and women who serve, protect and defend this great Nation every single day."

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Major General David E. Quantock (left), the Special Assistant to the Director of the Army Staff, and Maj. Gen. Mark S. Inch's wife, Bette (right), a DoD civilian with OSD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO), pin on Maj. Gen. Mark S. Inch's new rank during his promotion ceremony Oct. 10, 2014, at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Officers' Club. (U.S. Army photo by Colby T. Hauser, CID Public Affairs)