

## **Col. Maritza Lagares**

Col. Maritza Lagares is currently serving as the Chief of the Data Operations Division to the Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA), Strategic Operations (DAMO-SO). She was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology receiving a direct commission into the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. She later received a Master of Public Administration from Old Dominion University, a Master of Arts in Computer Resource Management from Webster University, a Master of Science in Government Information Leadership from the National Defense University, a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College and a Doctorate of Science from Capitol Technology University.

Her work experience includes Data Center Management, Critical Infrastructure Protection, Contingency, Disaster Recovery Operations, Chief Information Officer, Cyber Operations and Cloud Security.

Col. Lagares has held a variety of Army positions, including Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, Aide De Camp, Secretary of the General Staff and Executive Officer to the Army Chief Information Officer. Her previous assignments have included Chief, Operations Branch, Personnel Information Systems Directorate, United States Human Resources Command, Alexandria, VA; Deputy, Advanced Concepts and Technology, United States Army Cyber Command, Fort Belvoir; Cyber Organizational Integrator, Headquarters Department of the Army, Force Management, Washington DC; Deputy Commander, Army Reserve Cyber Protection Brigade, Adelphi MD and Chief Security Officer Army Cloud, Headquarters Department of the Army, Office of the Chief Information Office, Washington DC. Her Deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Her military education includes the Military Police Officer Basic Course, Military Police Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, Information Systems Management Course, Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Col. Lagares' awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Iraq Campaign Medal. She is authorized to wear the Army Staff Badge, German Armed Forces Badge and the Danish Contingent March Medal.