

SECDEF to Replace Naval Academy Superintendent with Marine General



U.S. Naval Academy 65th Superintendent Vice Adm. Yvette Davids and Commandant of Midshipmen Capt. Gilbert Clark Jr. salute during morning colors during Induction Day at Alumni Hall. Photo credit: *U.S. Navy | Stacy Godfrey*

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth plans to replace U.S. Naval Academy superintendent Vice Admiral Yvette Davids with Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Michael Borgschulte, according to reports from the Washington Post and the New York Times.

Davids was the first woman to head the prestigious academy, taking the post in January 2024. Borgschulte, if confirmed,

would become the first Marine Corps general to head the 180-year-old academy.

Davids will be nominated as deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans, strategy and warfighting development, sources told the newspapers. Borgschulte is currently serving as deputy commandant for manpower and reserve affairs.

The move comes in the wake of other Trump Administration decisions to replace high-ranking military officers, including Admiral Linda Fagan as commandant of the Coast Guard and Admiral Lisa Franchetti as chief of naval operations, although this situation is different as Davids is being transferred to another role rather than being retired.



Lt. Gen. Michael Borgschulte. Photo credit: *U.S. Marine Corps*