

Director, US Army Criminal Laboratory (USACIL)



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Lauren Reed assumed the position of Director, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL) in September 2013. Ms. Reed has been working in forensics and biometrics for 20 years. Prior to joining the USACIL Team she served as Chief, Examination Services Branch for the DoD's Biometrics Identity Management Agency (BIMA) in Clarksburg, WV. She previously worked as a forensic practitioner at the King County Sheriff's Office in Seattle, WA; continues to hold International Association for Identification (IAI) Certification as a Latent Print Examiner; and has been an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice/Forensic Science programs at multiple colleges.

Ms. Reed holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Washington State University and a Master of Forensic Science degree from National University in California. She is published in peer review forensic science journals, has trained and presented at numerous conferences, serves on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Forensic Identification, and was a member of the Scientific Working Group on Friction Ridge Analysis, Study and Technology (SWGFAST). She also served as a member of the Standards Practices and Protocols Interagency Working Group and Co-Chair of the AFIS Interoperability Task Force, both of which fell under the National Science and Technology Council's Subcommittee on Forensic Science and served to inform the White House Office of Science and Technology on issues related to Forensic Science. Honors include the U.S. Army Superior Civilian Service medal, the FBI Director's Award for Exceptional Public Service, and IAI Distinguished Member.