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June 9, 2015 -- Army Secretary John M. McHugh has announced that he will resign effective Nov. 1, in which he hopes will afford ample opportunity for a smooth transition.

McHugh has been in discussions with both the defense secretary and the deputy defense secretary, and expressed his desire several weeks ago to depart as Army secretary. McHugh expressed his gratitude to the president and his appreciation to the defense secretary, most importantly, the men and women of the Army for the tremendous honor to serve as secretary for these many years.

"Secretary McHugh has been a tremendous public servant for decades, and he has helped lead the Army through a period of challenge and change," said Defense Secretary Ash Carter. "There will be much time in the coming months to appropriately celebrate his many accomplishments, but for now, I will just say that every Soldier is better off because of his hard work and vision, and so is the country."