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LONGTIME OFFICER STEPS DOWN
FROM U.S. PROPERTY AND FISCAL
POSITION; LINCOLN LAWYER
SELECTED FOR POSITION

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Brig. Gen. (Neb.) Stephen R. Robinson, Lincoln, retired from his position as the U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer (USP&FO) for the Nebraska National Guard, Jan. 31, after serving in the position since 1989.

Robinson was replaced by Lt. Col. David D. Zwart, Lincoln, who was nominated to the position by Gov. David Heinemann and then confirmed by Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, director of the National Guard Bureau. Prior to coming to work for the National Guard in Lincoln, Zwart was a partner with the law firm of Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt, LLP.

As the new USP&FO, Zwart is now responsible to receive, account for, and safeguard all federal funds and property provided to the State of Nebraska for the training and administration of the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard.

Robinson was born in Fairbury, Neb., in 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Robinson. After graduating from Fairbury High School in 1964 he attended Fairbury Junior College where he received an associate degree in Business Administration in 1966 and later graduated from Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

His military career began in 1966 when he joined the Nebraska Army National Guard in Fairbury. In 1968 he was commissioned as a second lieutenant after graduating as honor graduate from the Nebraska National Guard Military Academy at Camp Ashland, Neb.

During the course of Robinson's 40-year military career, he served in a variety of leadership positions including anti-tank and infantry platoon leader, a tactical officer, detachment commander, personnel officer, and plans and operation officer. On Aug. 1, 1987, Robinson was nominated by the Governor of Nebraska to receive a Presidential appointment as the director of the Nebraska Selective Service System. In June 1989 he was nominated by then-Gov. Kay Orr to serve as the USP&FO to fill the vacancy created by the death of Col. Donald J. Hatten.

Robinson graduated from a variety of military schools including the U.S. Army Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he graduated on the Commandant's List.

Prior to his retirement, Robinson was promoted to the Nebraska Army National Guard rank of brigadier general. He also received the federal Legion of Merit Medal as well as state medals for distinguished service from the Montana and New Hampshire National Guards.

Robinson and his wife Elaine live in Lincoln. They have two children. Son Aaron and wife Dawn Robinson live in Lincoln with their son Ashton, while daughter, Ashley, is currently engaged to Brendan McDaniel.