

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

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Col. 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 had served as an attorney for the law firm of **LAW FIRM**

As the new USP&FO, Zwart is now responsible for all federal funds and property in 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 associated 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 to serve as the director of the Nebraska Selective Service System. In June 1987 he was then nominated by then-Gov. Kay Orr to serve as the USP&FO to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dol. 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.

Zwart, 47, was born on Feb. 23, 1958, in Sioux Falls, S.D., to **PARENTS NAMES**. A 1976 graduate of Lennox High School in Lennox, S.D., he attended the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, S.D., where he graduated in 1980 with a

bachelor's degree in Psychology. He later graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1991 with a juris doctor with distinction in Law.

Zwart's military career began in January 1976 when he enlisted into the South Dakota Air National Guard as an administrative assistant with the 114<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing based in Sioux Falls. He transferred to the Nebraska Air National Guard as a fuels specialist with the 155<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Maintenance Squadron in Lincoln in 1980 (????????).

Zwart received his commission as a second lieutenant in April 1988 after graduating from the Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn. He then went onto serve in a variety of leadership assignments including transportation officer, education officer, health services administrator and deputy commander of the 155<sup>th</sup> Medical Group in Lincoln. Zwart left his civilian law practice in June 2004 when he was selected to be a full-time Nebraska National Guard personnel officer and deputy human resources officer.

Prior to assuming his current position as the USP&FO, Zwart served as the assistant USP&FO.

Zwart is a graduate of the Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two daughters, Erin and Dana. The Zwarts live in Lincoln.

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