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### **Statement from the Armed Forces Retirement Home**

The Department of Defense today announced the appointment of Col. John S. RisCassi, U.S. Army (Retired), as the chief operating officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, effective Dec. 20, 2021.

“John RisCassi is a terrific leader who brings a wealth of experience from his Army career, beginning in the enlisted ranks through retirement as a colonel, through his service as a corporate executive and as deputy chief operating officer at the Armed Forces Retirement Home,” said Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Rippe, U.S. Army (Retired), the Home’s chief executive officer. “John comes from a military family, he is a veteran of multiple combat tours, and a highly decorated soldier including the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and Combat Infantryman Badge with star. I am glad he is continuing to serve and know he will be an asset to our residents and staff.”

Mr. RisCassi has served as the Home’s deputy chief operating officer since April 2018. Prior to that, he was a private sector consultant and a director of government relations at General Dynamics Corporation. He retired from the Army as policy lead for a secretary of defense special task force, with earlier leadership assignments on the Army staff as a division chief and as a regimental commander in Germany. He earned master’s degrees from the National War College and Webster University, and a bachelor’s degree from Columbus University.

The chief operating officer serves as the head of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, created by Congress in 1991 as an independent establishment of the executive branch of the federal government with oversight from the Department of Defense. The Home is one of America’s most enduring veterans’ retirement homes with campuses in Washington, District of Columbia, and Gulfport, Mississippi..

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