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Major General John F. Nichols Announces Retirement as Adjutant General of Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 19, 2018) - Major General John F. Nichols announced he will retire from his position as The Adjutant General of Texas, effective December 31, 2018. He has served in the position since 2011, making him the third longest-serving Texas Adjutant General.

As The Adjutant General of Texas, Maj. Gen. Nichols commanded more than 24,000 Texas Military Forces service members and supporting staff. He oversaw numerous large-scale natural disaster missions including fires and floods throughout Texas and the response to the widespread devastation of Hurricane Harvey, which resulted in the complete mobilization of the Texas National Guard. Under multiple governors, Maj. Gen. Nichols has supported members of the Texas Department of Public Safety and U.S. Customs and Border Protection on border security missions at the Texas-Mexico border. These missions took place while Texas National Guard units were deployed to overseas conflicts, as they have been continuously since September 11, 2001.

“It has been my honor to serve as the Adjutant General for the past seven years. The Texas Military Department is an exceptional organization with amazing Citizen-Airmen and Soldiers and civilians who put the needs of the State and Nation above their own,” said Nichols. “All of our achievements as a state agency and military department are a direct reflection of the dedication and commitment to excellence of individuals and teams throughout the organization.”

His retirement will culminate a lifetime of military service, having first commissioned with the U.S. Air Force in 1979. Maj. Gen. Nichols’ illustrious career has taken him all over the world, resulting in many awards and decorations for service to our nation. He is a command pilot who has more than 4,000 flight hours under his belt, flying the T-37, T-38 and F-16.

“During his time in office, Maj. Gen. Nichols has held my trust and respect in addition to that of those who have served under him,” said Governor Greg Abbott. “Texas is a better place because of his consistent leadership, and I am grateful for his dedicated service.”

An official announcement regarding Nichols’ successor is forthcoming.

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The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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