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## **Department of Defense Appoints Paul Mock as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve National Chair**

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel has selected Major General (Ret.) Paul E. Mock as the National Chair for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). ESGR's National Chair is an official Department of Defense volunteer position.

Mr. Mock will take an oath of office and be sworn in as the National Chair on May 31, 2013. The position carries a three-year term and the protocol status of a military four-star flag or general officer. A retired Lieutenant with the Los Angeles Police Department, he also has extensive experience serving military members and their families through work with the Association of the United States Army, Fisher House Foundation and the Military Child Education Coalition. Mr. Mock will provide leadership and vision for a team of more than 4,900 dedicated volunteers spanning all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam-CNMI, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Honorable Jessica L. Wright, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, praised the selection, noting, "Mr. Mock comes to us with a wealth of experience in the employer community, the Reserve Components and supporting military families. His leadership and management expertise are a tremendous asset for the Department of Defense."

With almost half of our Nation's military force residing in the Guard and Reserve, Mr. Mock will have a direct impact on these brave men and women and their civilian employers. "I am humbled by my selection as the National Chair for ESGR and excited about furthering employer support for the men and women in the National Guard and Reserve. I look forward to supporting ESGR's cadre of volunteers and assisting Mr. Ron Young, ESGR's Executive Director, in advancing our mission."

### **About ESGR**

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense operational committee, seeks to foster a culture in which all employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States. ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives, recognizing outstanding employer support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and policies, and helping resolve potential conflicts between employers and their employees who are service members. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

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