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## **Col. John White retires from Air National Guard**

NASHVILLE – Col. John White, of Lebanon, was honored at retirement ceremonies recently recognizing his more than 38 years in the Tennessee Air National Guard.

During the luncheon ceremonies attended by friends and co-workers from across Tennessee, Col. White was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Service Medal, third device. The awards were presented by Maj. Gen. Gus L. Hargett Jr., the Adjutant General.

Col. White's more than 38 years in the Tennessee Air National Guard included 33 years at **McGhee Tyson Air Base, Alcoa**. During the past five years he has served as Director of Human Resources at the Tennessee Military Department's Headquarters in Nashville. In this capacity he supervised a staff of 29, administering all federal personnel programs for 2,600 federal employees of the department across the state.

A graduate of Lebanon High School, he earned degrees in Zoology and Biochemistry at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He also served four years on the faculty of the UT Memorial Research Center as Research Associate.

Col. White is the son of the late Robert and Mildred White of Lebanon.

### **CUTLINES:**

**Col. John White is pictured during recent retirement ceremonies recognizing his more than 38 years in the Tennessee Air National Guard. From left are: his wife, Rhonda, formerly of Maryville, and sons Ian and Sean.**

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