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Colonel John Krenson Retires after 30 Years of Service

TULLAHOMA, Tenn - Colonel John Krenson of Nashville announced his upcoming May retirement from the Tennessee Army National Guard, closing out over thirty years of military service. Krenson served his last command assignment as the 30th Troop Command Brigade Commander, a position he held here since March 2014. During the 30th Change of Command ceremony Sunday, Krenson received the Legion of Merit and the Tennessee Army National Guard Distinguished Service Medal for his distinguished service to the nation and to the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Previous assignments included commander, 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, commander 1/117th Military Police Battalion, Brigade Operations Officer Task Force Guardian, and Current Operations Intelligence Officer Combined Forces Command - Afghanistan among many other key leadership assignments.

Krenson began his military career in 1986, when he commissioned in the US Army Reserve. He served in Afghanistan and Iraq and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Iraq Service Medal, the Afghanistan Service Medal, the NATO Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal with Star device among other federal and state awards.

Krenson plans to continue his service in a civilian capacity as the Executive Director of Operation Stand Down Tennessee, a veteran service organization assisting veterans and their families so they can be self-sustaining and better connected to the community.

Reflecting on his thirty years of service, Krenson stated "My career as a citizen-soldier has exceeded my every expectation. I am grateful for the honor I've had to serve Tennessee and the United States. I am grateful for the friends and experiences I've gained through serving and am forever indebted to the Soldiers I've served."

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