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Maj. Gen. Ken Nava, the Adjutant General of New Mexico, to celebrate his retirement with over 33 years of military service

SANTA FE – Maj. Gen. Kenneth Nava, who has served as the Adjutant General of New Mexico for the past four-and-a-half years, will celebrate his retirement from 33 years of military service with family, friends, fellow Soldiers and Airmen on Saturday, February 26, 2022, 12 noon at the Sandia Resort and Casino, 30 Rainbow Road, Albuquerque, N.M., 87113.

Gen. Nava will be presented with the Army Distinguished Service Medal signed by the Secretary of the Army and the state Distinguished Service Medal signed by the Governor for his 33 years of dedicated service.

Gen. Nava's official last day in uniform was Dec. 31, 2021.

"It has been an honor serving the citizens of our great state and nation as the Adjutant General of New Mexico. I am very proud of what our 4,000 Soldiers and Airmen of the New Mexico National Guard have accomplished over the past four-and-a-half years," said Gen. Nava. "I am thankful for the leadership of Gov. Lujan Grisham and the dedicated members of her cabinet throughout the last three years, including during the darkest days of the pandemic."

Gen. Nava entered service in 1992 as a Tactical Control Officer in the 200th Air Defense Artillery. He has commanded at the battalion, brigade and joint headquarters levels. He served in combat in Iraq from 2008 to 2010 as the commander of the 515th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

He is the recipient of numerous decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal.

Gen. Nava has accepted a position in the private sector and intends to remain involved with the New Mexico National Guard through professional associations, the New Mexico Military Museum, and the New Mexico National Guard Hall of Honor.

“General Nava has been a stand-out leader throughout my time in office, and he was integral in mobilizing our national guard to support and protect New Mexicans throughout the pandemic,” said Gov. Lujan Grisham. “I thank him for his many years of service to our state and our country and I wish him the very best in his future endeavors.”

Media representatives are invited to attend the ceremony. For more information please contact Joseph Vigil at 505-553-1427 or joseph.l.vigil2.civ@army.mil

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