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Sen. Frank Barnitz Meets with Major General McCoy of Ft. Leonard Wood

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, this week introduced to the Missouri Senate Major General William H. McCoy, Commander of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center and Commandant of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Ft. Leonard Wood. Barnitz was pleased to welcome Maj. Gen. McCoy, who spoke before the Senate and also took time out to address the House and meet with veterans' groups.

"It is an honor hosting Maj. Gen. McCoy at the state Capitol," Barnitz said. "His decorated history in the U.S. Army is a testament to the strength and courage of our military personnel."

Maj. Gen. McCoy has a lengthy and distinguished military career, which includes stints as Platoon Leader and Company Commander in Fort Hood, Texas; Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in Heilbronn, Germany; Engineer Advisor in Saudi Arabia; Engineer Staff Officer in Heidelberg, Germany; Staff Officer at the Pentagon; Executive Officer in Fort Clayton, Panama; and Chief of Staff in Wiesbaden, Germany. From 2003 to 2005, Major General McCoy was Assistant Commandant of the U. S. Army Engineer School. From June 2005 through October of last year, he served our country in Iraq as Commander of the Gulf Region Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A Texas native, Maj. Gen. McCoy graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Building Construction. He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in 1974 and is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advance Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the United States Army War College.

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Maj. Gen. McCoy has earned many military awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Silver Order of the DeFleury Medal. Maj. Gen. McCoy and his wife, Jill, have two daughters and four grandchildren living in San Antonio.

"Maj. Gen. McCoy had earned his long list of honors through distinguished service to our country," Barnitz said. "I am proud to have had the opportunity to meet him, and I wish him the best in all his future endeavors."



Sen. Frank Barnitz (right) meets with Maj. Gen. William H. McCoy on Tuesday, March 6. A JPEG of the image is attached. If you have trouble with the photo, contact Senate Communications at (573) 751-3824 or twarren@senate.mo.gov.

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