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Major General David R. Bockel assumed the duties of Executive Director of the 70,000-member Reserve Officers Association of the United States on Nov. 7, 2009. ROA is a Congressionally Chartered association with roots dating to 1922 when it was founded under the guidance of General of Armies Pershing to provide a means of keeping returning combat veterans of WW I and the nation's leaders engaged in national defense issues. Today, the ROA's task remains the same — working with our country's leaders and lawmakers to develop and execute legislation and military policies that will promote strong national security, especially as they relate to sustaining the capabilities resident in the Reserve and National Guard forces.

Born in Dallas, Texas on 26 September 1944, General Bockel is married with two children. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Marketing from the University of Alabama and was a distinguished graduate from their ROTC program.

General Bockel retired from the Army Reserve on June 6, 2003 after a 37-year military career including a tour in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division and the 199th Infantry Brigade.

His command positions held include: Commanding General, 90th Regional Support Command; Deputy Commanding General (IMA) of United States Army Reserve Command; Commander, US Army Reserve Readiness Command; Deputy Commanding General of the 311th Theater Signal Command.

In May 2000, he was appointed to serve on the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee at the Pentagon, and in December 2001 he was appointed as Chairman of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters among others.

His civilian career included owning a successful Advertising company in Atlanta, Ga. He has served as the Deputy Executive Director for the Reserve Officers Association since 2005.