Resignation of MG David Bockel, USA (Ret.), ROA's Executive Director

During the last weekend in June, General Bockel received an offer for a position with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce in Atlanta. After much consideration, he decided to accept the offer, and will therefore resign from his Executive Director position. His last day of employment will be September 30th, 2011.

General Bockel will be the new executive director of the Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee (GMACC) for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. In that capacity he will report to the Governor of Georgia.

General Bockel came to ROA eight years ago from Atlanta, GA, and will be returning home for this new job. He was hired as the Director of Army Affairs and later became the Deputy Executive Director, then Executive Director. Besides his Army and Army Reserve experience, he brought extensive business expertise to his positions with ROA. He and his predecessor, LtGen Dennis McCarthy, USMC (Ret.) (recently retired Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs), led ROA through some extremely trying fiscal times, with the modernization of the Minuteman Memorial Building and the impacts of the 2008 recession. General McCarthy relied on General Bockel to manage the building modernization, including all the funding and loan facets of the program. As Executive Director, General Bockel continued to do everything he could to put ROA on sound financial tracks for the future.

General Bockel will be sorely missed and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his outstanding work at ROA. He was truly a pleasure to work with and we wish him Godspeed in his move and new endeavors.

- Col Walker Williams, ROA President

RELEASE: Georgia Chamber names retired Major Gen. David Bockel head of Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee