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Secretary of Defense Appoints Ronald E. Bogle as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve National Chair

ARLINGTON, Va. – Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper has appointed retired North Carolina Superior Court Judge Ronald E. Bogle as the National Chair for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. ESGR's National Chair is an official Department of Defense volunteer position.

Bogle will take an oath of office and be sworn in as the National Chair during ESGR's annual National Leadership Meeting in November. The position carries a three-year term. Having served as the State Chair of the North Carolina ESGR Committee and Vice Chair of Operations for the National ESGR Board of Directors, Bogle will provide the leadership and vision for a team of more than 3,700 dedicated volunteers spanning all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

James Stewart, performing the duties of Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, praised the appointment, noting, "Mr. Bogle comes to us with a wealth of experience in the employer community and supporting military families. His leadership and management expertise are a tremendous asset for the Department of Defense."

With almost half of our Nation's military force residing in the National Guard and Reserve, Bogle will have a direct impact on these brave men and women and their civilian employers. "I am honored by my appointment as the National Chair for ESGR and excited to further employer support for the men and women in the National Guard and Reserve," said Bogle. "I look forward to supporting ESGR's cadre of volunteers and assisting ESGR's Executive Director, in advancing our mission."

About ESGR

ESGR, a Department of Defense program, seeks to foster a culture in which all employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States. ESGR develops and promotes supportive work environments for Service members in the Reserve Components through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws. It also provides assistance in resolving conflicts between Service members and their employers. To learn more about ESGR, part of the Defense Personnel and Family Support Center, visit www.ESGR.mil.