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DoD Designates New Leadership at the Armed Forces Retirement Home

WASHINGTON, January 14, 2011 – The Office of Military Community and Family Policy announced today the designation of Steve McManus as the acting chief operating officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, effective January 16th. McManus replaces Tim Cox, who resigned to take a position in the private sector; his resignation is effective Jan. 15th.

"Steve McManus is well qualified to serve as acting chief operating officer, having served in numerous leadership positions at the Armed Forces Retirement Home since 2002," Robert L. Gordon, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, said. "In addition to serving as the deputy chief operating officer and chief financial officer, his many policy, advocacy, financial, and oversight roles at the home over the past seven years will ensure a smooth leadership transition and continue the tradition of providing high standards of care for residents in Washington, D.C. and Gulfport, Miss."

McManus is a member of the Senior Executive Service. This designation is for a period of 120 days and may be renewed.

Gordon lauded the accomplishments of the outgoing chief, Tim Cox. He was the first continuing care retirement community professional to manage this one-of-a-kind independent federal agency, Gordon said.

"Tim Cox transformed the Armed Forces Retirement Home into a high quality, financially sound, nationally accredited retirement community for eligible retirees and veterans. We are grateful for his service."

The Armed Forces Retirement Home is one of America's oldest veterans' retirement homes. Established in 1851 as the 'Soldiers Home' to provide care for old and disabled veterans, in 1991 Congress incorporated the U.S. Naval Home in Gulfport, Miss., and U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home into an independent establishment in the executive branch of the federal government. In 2001, Congress renamed the facilities the Armed Forces Retirement Home-Gulfport and the Armed Forces Retirement Home - Washington, respectively.

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