



National Commission on the Future of the Army



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Press Advisory: Commission on the Future of the U.S. Army Announces Executive Director

The congressionally mandated National Commission on the Future of the U.S. Army today selected retired Army Major General Raymond Carpenter as its Executive Director. His extensive experience includes serving in the Army, Navy and Army National Guard for more than 44 years. His last military assignment was Acting Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau.

Commission Chairman, retired General Carter Ham, explained Carpenter's selection. "We had an extraordinary group of candidates, but I am convinced that Major General (Retired) Ray Carpenter has just the right background, experience and character to lead the Commission's staff. I am extremely pleased that Mr. Rickey Smith, the Commission's Interim Director, has agreed to remain with the Commission staff. As Chair, I will rely heavily on General Carpenter and Mr. Smith to help us comprehensively and fairly address the matters with which we have been charged by the Congress."

The commission formed by the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) has undertaken a comprehensive study on the organizational structure of the Army. As the Executive Director, Maj. General Carpenter will supervise the commission staff in supporting the execution of the Commission's tasks. One key aspect of his duties is overseeing enforcement of the quality and rigor of fact finding and analysis.

"I have known and worked with Ray Carpenter in the past and am confident he will do a great job as Executive Director. Along with Rickey Smith, who will serve as Staff Director, we are assured of an excellent leadership team to guide the Commission," stated former Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Thomas Lamont, Commission Vice Chairman.

The findings of the panel will be presented to the President and to Congressional defense committees no later than February 1, 2016.

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