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AWF President to Step Down But Will Continue Her Service to Women Veterans

WASHINGTON, January 6, 2015 – After seven years as president of the Army Women’s Foundation, Major General Dee McWilliams, USA, Ret., is leaving the foundation to assume the leadership of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation; she succeeds the iconic Brigadier General Wilma Vaught, USAF, Ret.

“As president of the Army Women’s Foundation, it has been a distinct honor to serve our Army women. Fortunately, I will continue in their service as President of the Women’s Memorial,” MG McWilliams said.

For the near-term, MG McWilliams will wear two hats. She will assume her duties at WIMSA and will continue to serve as president of the Army Women’s Foundation until a successor is named.

MG McWilliams, the Army Women’s Foundation Board of Directors and Executive Director Peggy Trossen are working together to continue the work of the Army Women’s Foundation and ensure a smooth transition at its top position.

“We have been very fortunate to benefit from General McWilliams’ leadership during these years. Our outreach and our programs have grown significantly,” Ms. Trossen said.

MG McWilliams served 29 years in the U.S. Army where she held a variety of Human Relations positions, commanding four companies, a training battalion, and a personnel brigade. She also taught national strategic studies and leadership, and served as an Equal Opportunity Officer.

As Director, Military Personnel Management for Department of the Army, MG McWilliams developed policy and strategy for staffing and training over one million soldiers, to include recruitment of more than one hundred thousand annually. She also served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Installation Management in Europe where she provided human resource and quality of life support to soldiers in Germany, Italy, Hungary, Kosovo, Croatia, Bosnia, Greece, and Egypt.

MG McWilliams retired from the U.S. Army in 2003. She later joined the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, retiring in 2010 as Director of the Lessons Learned Center. She was elected president of the Army Women's Foundation Board of Directors in Fall 2008.

ABOUT THE U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation is the premier center for educational excellence, the national network for today's Army women, and a dynamic advocate for telling the history of Army women. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to recognize and honor the service of women in the Army. For more information, visit www.awfdn.org.

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