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Krumrei appointed as 38th Adjutant General

Story by Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD - Governor Pat Quinn named Daniel M. Krumrei as the 38th Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard and director of the Department of Military Affairs Dec. 21.

The former colonel served as command staff chaplain for the Illinois National Guard since 2005 and was instrumental in fulfilling Governor Quinn's longtime

commitment to serving servicemembers and their families.

"General Krumrei has served in the National Guard for more than 35 years and has made it his mission to ensure that our servicemembers get the support they need to be successful in the military and in their civilian lives," Quinn said. "His extensive experience at all levels of the Guard and with people of all faiths will be invaluable as we work to keep the Illinois

National Guard the most effective force in the nation."

Krumrei (pronounced KRUM-ROY) joined the National Guard in 1977 and has served in a wide variety of roles including field artillery, nuclear, biological, chemical weapons specialist and chaplain. Since joining the Illinois Army National Guard in 1992 as a chaplain, he has made assisting servicemembers and their families a priority of the Illinois National Guard.

444th Chemical Company returns home



Photo by U.S. Army Maj. Brad Leighton, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

Rachel Kuehnel of Gillespie, Ill., wipes away a tear as her husband, Spc. David Andrew Kuehnel, holds their son, 3-month-old Jackson, for the first time, Dec. 22. In the background, another couple gets re-acquainted. Kuehnel's unit, the Illinois Army National Guard's 444th Chemical Company, was deployed to Kuwait for nine months.

Soldier competes on Ultimate Fighter

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Cassidy L. Snyder
Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD – Sgt. Neil Magny of Chicago, a light-wheeled mechanic with the 708th Medical Company in North Riverside, recently competed on the Ultimate Fighter (TUF) 16 reality TV show.

The show began with 32 welterweights vying for a six-figure UFC



Sgt. Neil Magny

contract. Magny was the fourth pick for Shane Carwin's team after securing a spot in the house with a unanimous decision win over Frank Camacho.

"The first couple of days I was second guessing myself because everyone else trained at all the big gyms and I only trained at small gyms in Chicago and Indiana," said Magny. "But after the first week I got more confident and thought there wasn't anything I hadn't seen before."

Magny wrestled in high school and after his senior year joined the Army, where he learned techniques through the Modern Army Combatives Program (MACP).

"Sergeant Magny is an extremely talented fighter, arguably the best we have in the Illinois National Guard," said Staff Sgt. Nick Grant, Illinois Army Guard.

Illinois Service Members Civil Relief Act

Effective Jan. 1, 2013 Gov. Quinn signed into law Public Act 97-0913 providing new protections to servicemembers who are Illinois residents.

- Tuition refund
- Right to reschedule exams
- Lease termination
- Mortgage foreclosure relief
- Stays of civil proceedings
- Default judgement relief

For questions contact the Judge Advocate General's office at 217-761-3510

Remembering ‘The Little Guy’

“If we don’t get the people right, the rest of it won’t matter.”

- General Martin

Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

I was astounded that frequently, during the calls of congratulations I received over the past month, there was the

admonition to ‘remember the little guy.’ I couldn’t help but wonder who the caller



Brig. Gen. Daniel Krumrei

thought was ‘the little guy.’

Did they think I would forget the cooks who fed me hot soup at 0200 when I came in off the line as a dirty, tired, exhausted, private? Certainly the callers didn’t think I’d forget the medics who treated my cuts, sprains, and bug bites? Could they have thought I’d forget all the sergeants who made sure I didn’t get lost? Were they fearful that I’d forget the people who got me paid or made sure I had the right gear? Were they afraid I would forget the captains and majors who made

our operations work? Did they think I would suddenly forget all those lieutenant colonels, colonels, and general officers who mentored and taught me? For the life of me, I couldn’t, and can’t, figure out who those ‘little guys’ are supposed to be in the Illinois National Guard.

Every single Soldier, every single Airman – is important.

Every single Soldier and every single Airman is a strategic asset.

This is a fact: without you, there is no us.

Airmen of the Year announced



Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Cassidy L. Snyder, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs

The Illinois National Guard recognized five outstanding Airmen for their achievements in 2012 during an award ceremony at the Illinois State Military Museum Jan. 5. Winners included, Tech. Sgt. Angelica Knecht of Belleville, Master Sgt. Phillip Clemens of Rochester, Senior Master Sgt. Diana Braun of Morrisonville and Senior Master Sgt. Michael Douglas of Waterloo.

■ Not pictured: Senior Airman Alex Corwin of Charleston, receives his award

Hanging up their boots after 20+ years of service

- **Brig. Gen. Steven Huber**
Joint Force Headquarters
- **Col. Robert Mayberry, Jr.**
Joint Force Headquarters
- **Lt. Col. Lars Jacobson**
Joint Force Headquarters
- **Maj. Darryl Degruy**
HHC, 108th Sustainment Brigade
- **Maj. Friedrich Josellis**
HHC, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team
- **Capt. Eric Selstad**
HHC, 404th Maneuver Enhancement Bde.
- **Capt. Gail Tischke**
709th Area Support Medical Company
- **Sgt. Maj. James Schumacher**
Joint Force Headquarters
- **Chief Master Sgt. Orvie Gunn**
Joint Force Headquarters-Air
- **1st Sgt. Rodney Best**
HHC, 108th Sustainment Brigade
- **1st Sgt. Ryan Mason**
1644th Transportation Company
- **Sgt. 1st Class Robert Burr**
Troop A, 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry

PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

- Urbana Armory rededicated
- Chicago honors servicemembers at Welcome Home Parade
- Purple Heart stamp unveiled
- Illinois Guard Soldiers re-enlist at Chicago Bears game
- Regional Center of Excellence opens for Soldiers in North Riverside



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