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LUCKEY SELECTED AS NEXT CHIEF OF U.S. ARMY RESERVE AND COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY RESERVE COMMAND

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter announced today that the Senate has confirmed Maj. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, United States Army Reserve, for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general, with the dual-hatted assignment as Chief, Army Reserve and Commanding General, United States Army Reserve Command.

As the Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding General, United States Army Reserve Command, Maj. General Luckey will lead a global organization that focuses on mission readiness in order to serve the American people while supporting the requirements of the United States Army.

Maj. Gen. Luckey was commissioned in the Army after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Virginia in 1977. He began his military career as an Infantry Officer leading Soldiers in both mechanized and Special Forces units until separating from active duty in 1982 to attend law school. In 1985, Maj. Gen. Luckey returned to active duty and served with the 82d Airborne, Ft. Bragg, NC. In 1991, he transferred to the Army Reserve and subsequently commanded units at the battalion, brigade, and group level, culminating with his assignment as the Commanding General of the 78th Division (TS). Maj. Gen. Luckey was recalled to Active Duty in 2008 and selected to serve as the Chief, Office of Security Cooperation in Baghdad, Iraq. He also served on the Joint Staff as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff Lead for the Iraq transition. Prior to this confirmation, he served as the Chief of Staff, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

Having served in a variety of theaters with three combat tours, Maj. Gen. Luckey's awards, badges and decorations are consistent with those of most Soldiers who have had the honor to serve the United States over a period of decades and the good fortune to return safely home.

Maj. Gen. Luckey replaces Jeffrey W. Talley, who recently retired after 34 years of military service.

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