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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Rapid City man awarded medal for advancement of Army Guard

WASHINGTON – Retired Army Maj. Gen. Raymond Carpenter, the former acting director of the Army National Guard, was awarded the Lt. Gen. Raymond S. Mclain Medal during the opening ceremonies of the Association of the United States Army's annual meeting and exposition Oct. 22.

The medal is awarded to a member of the Army National Guard for outstanding contributions to the advancement of a seamless and component-oriented Army.

During his 29-month tenure as the acting director of the Army National Guard, Carpenter, a resident of Rapid City, S.D., was responsible for executing a budget of nearly \$40 billion, the procurement of approximately 3,000 individual units of equipment, the recruitment and training of approximately 100,000 Soldiers, and the mobilization and deployment of 80,000 Soldiers.

In addition, Army National Guard Soldiers who were deployed in support of the troop surge in Afghanistan, and those who were withdrawn from Iraq, were conducted under the guidance of Carpenter.

He also oversaw Soldiers who reacted to the call for assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, the Joplin, Mo., tornado, and the BP oil-spill response off of the Gulf Coast.

Carpenter retired last year after serving more than 44 years in the military, and has received other distinguished medals and decorations over his career to include: the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

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**121022-A-AB123-001:** Retired Army Maj. Gen. Raymond Carpenter, the former acting director of the Army National Guard, stands with members of the Association of the United States during the opening ceremonies of the organization's annual meeting and exposition in Washington D.C., Oct. 22, 2012. Carpenter was awarded the Lt. Gen. Raymond S. Mclain Medal for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of the Association of the United States Army's goal of a seamless and component-oriented Army. (Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Darron Salzer)(Released)



**121022-A-AB123-002:** Retired Army Maj. Gen. Raymond Carpenter, the former acting director of the Army National Guard, is awarded the Lt. Gen. Raymond S. Mclain Medal by members of the Association of the United States during the opening ceremonies of the organization's annual meeting and exposition in Washington D.C., Oct. 22, 2012. The Lt. Gen. Raymond S. Mclain Medal is awarded to members of the National Guard for their outstanding contributions to the advancement of the Association of the United States Army's goal of a seamless and component-oriented Army. (Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Darron Salzer)(Released)

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