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## Lieutenant Colonel Allen West (USA, Ret) Answers the Call to Serve the National Rifle Association Members

**Houston, TX.—May 9, 2022—** Lieutenant Colonel Allen West has answered the call from the group of current and former NRA Directors as well as a number of concerned life members led by current Board member Judge Phillip Journey, former Board members Rocky Marshall and Bill Dailey and Board candidate Frank Tait to stand for election as Executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association at the NRA Board meeting on Monday, May 30, 2002.

Col. West said, "In the military, we have a saying, it is that Warriors move to the sound of the guns. It is with sincere humility that I have consented to my nomination to be Executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association. History has taught us that when the people are disarmed, they are subjugated, enslaved to tyranny and totalitarianism. The Nation's oldest civil rights institution is the National Rifle Association. I would be honored to secure that legacy going forward for future generations of legal, law-abiding American citizens and gun owners. My goals are to restore the honor, integrity, and character of this venerable organization along with refocusing on our core competencies, shooting sports/marksmanship, and defense of our Second Amendment constitutional right."

Many in the second amendment community reached out to encourage Col. West to accept the call including former NRA Board members Richard Carone and Joseph Olson, former NRA General Counsel Edward James Land Jr., former NRA Assistant General Counsel Thomas M. Moncure, Jr., and leaders from the industry including President of Luth-AR & Founder of D.P.M.S/Panther Arms Randy Luth.

Former NRA Director Rocky Marshall commented "The management of the NRA will be replaced at the annual meeting in Houston or by the New York courts in the upcoming trial. Colonel Allen West is a man of integrity, honesty, and humility and will lead the NRA with the leadership skills that all NRA members will be proud to support."

## **About Col West**

Lieutenant Colonel (US Army, Ret) Allen West is the Executive Director of the American Constitutional Conservative Rights Union and the ACRU Action Fund. He is a constitutional conservative, combat veteran, and former member of the US Congress. During his 22-year career in the U.S. Army, Lt. Col. West served in several combat zones and received many honors, including a Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, one with valor device, and a Valorous Unit Award. In 1993, he was named the US Army ROTC Instructor of the Year. He is also a former commissioned officer in the Texas State Guard. West was elected to the United States Congress representing Florida's 22d District. As a member of the 112th Congress, West sat on the Small Business and Armed Services Committees.

In July of 2020, Col. West was elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas by an overwhelming majority of State delegates. He is a legacy life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a life member of the American Legion, a life member of the Association of the United States Army, the Society of the First Infantry Division, the 4th Infantry Division, and the 101st Airborne Division. He is a Patriot Life Member (Benefactor) of the National Rifle Association, and former Board Member and Life Member (Benefactor) of the Texas Rifle Association. West is an inductee into the University of Tennessee Army ROTC Hall of Fame.

Lt. Col. West is the author of three books" Guardian of the Republic: An American Ronin's Journey to Family, Faith, and Freedom; Hold Texas, Hold the Nation: Victory or Death; and We Can Overcome: An American Black Conservative Manifesto.