

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. David N. Miller, Jr.

## IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Paul T. Sellars

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Michael C. Henderson

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Richard T. Appelhans  
 Brig. Gen. James B. Bartholomees  
 Brig. Gen. Jacqueline D. Brown  
 Brig. Gen. Lance G. Curtis  
 Brig. Gen. Michelle K. Donahue  
 Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Feltey  
 Brig. Gen. Andrew C. Gainey  
 Brig. Gen. David W. Gardner  
 Brig. Gen. Gavin J. Gardner  
 Brig. Gen. Clair A. Gill  
 Brig. Gen. Garrick M. Harmon  
 Brig. Gen. Richard A. Harrison  
 Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Hilbert  
 Brig. Gen. Daryl O. Hood  
 Brig. Gen. Charles T. Lombardo  
 Brig. Gen. Douglas S. Lowrey  
 Brig. Gen. Steven M. Marks  
 Brig. Gen. Mark C. Quander  
 Brig. Gen. John T. Reim, Jr.  
 Brig. Gen. Lori L. Robinson  
 Brig. Gen. Monte L. Rone  
 Brig. Gen. William A. Ryan, III  
 Brig. Gen. Eric P. Shirley  
 Brig. Gen. David F. Stewart  
 Brig. Gen. Curtis D. Taylor  
 Brig. Gen. Brandon R. Tegmeier  
 Brig. Gen. Cohn P. Tuley  
 Brig. Gen. John W. Weidner  
 Brig. Gen. James P. Work  
 Brig. Gen. Richard L. Zellmann

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Kristina J. Green  
 Col. Cohn J. Morrow

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Anthony B. Poole

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. James A. Benson  
 Brig. Gen. Karen A. Berry  
 Brig. Gen. Bobby L. Christine  
 Brig. Gen. Jeffrey L. Copeland  
 Brig. Gen. Daniel A. Degelow  
 Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Dinonno  
 Brig. Gen. Terry L. Grisham  
 Brig. Gen. David L. Hall  
 Brig. Gen. Charles D. Hausman  
 Brig. Gen. Cindy H. Haygood  
 Brig. Gen. Stephen F. Logan  
 Brig. Gen. Corwin J. Lusk

Brig. Gen. Jesse M. Morehouse  
 Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Schemenauer  
 Brig. Gen. Isabel R. Smith  
 Brig. Gen. Craig W. Strong  
 Brig. Gen. Katherine E. White

## IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Michael J. Regan, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Harold W. Linnean, III

## IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Douglas A. Sims, II

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. David T. Isaacson

## IN THE SPACE FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess

## ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Hope C. Rampy

## IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Sherman

## IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Michael A. Ake  
 Col. Allen D. Aldenberg  
 Col. Toby J. Alkire  
 Col. Erich H. Babbitt  
 Col. Ronnie S. Barnes  
 Col. Andrew J. Bates  
 Col. Jason P. Benson  
 Col. Kevin M. Berry  
 Col. Brian S. Bischoff  
 Col. Todd M. Bookless  
 Col. George H. Brauchler  
 Col. Daniel N. Brewer  
 Col. Kent D. Cavallini  
 Col. Erica M. Christie  
 Col. Richard P. Cipro  
 Col. Patrick G. Clare  
 Col. Andrew W. Collins  
 Col. Andrew T. Conant

Col. Herman E. Crosson  
 Col. Jon D. Farr  
 Col. Thaddeus D. Fineran  
 Col. Peter E. Fiorentino  
 Col. John R. Fleet  
 Col. Jeremy R. Foot  
 Col. Steve A. Foster  
 Col. Paul M. Franken  
 Col. Jason W. Fryman  
 Col. David L. Gibbons, III  
 Col. Bobby M. Ginn, Jr.  
 Col. Jerry B. Glass  
 Col. Alan R. Gronewold  
 Col. Barry W. Groton, Jr.  
 Col. Wyatt E. Hansen  
 Col. Alexander V. Harlamor  
 Col. Kristine L. Henry  
 Col. George W. Horsley  
 Col. Robert C. Horvath  
 Col. David L. Johnson  
 Col. Marvin D. Johnson  
 Col. Robert C. Jorgensen, Jr.  
 Col. Gunnar D. Kiersey  
 Col. Jeffrey G. LaPierre  
 Col. Leon M. LaPoint  
 Col. Eric J. Leckel  
 Col. Bradley A. Leonard  
 Col. Edward W. Lewis  
 Col. Reece J. Lutz  
 Col. Craig M. Maceri  
 Col. Jason P. Mahfouz  
 Col. Charles B. Martin, Jr.  
 Col. Marc R. McCreery  
 Col. John W. McElveen  
 Col. Russell E. McGuire  
 Col. Brian L. Medcalf  
 Col. Donald S. Mitchell  
 Col. Seth L. Morgulas  
 Col. Lawrence M. Muennich  
 Col. Heidi R. Munro  
 Col. Tracy R. Norman  
 Col. Zoe M. Ollinger  
 Col. Bryan K. Ouellette  
 Col. Andrew S. Rendon  
 Col. Linda J. Riedel  
 Col. Pia Romero  
 Col. Keir A. Scoubes  
 Col. James D. Seward  
 Col. Christopher M. Thomas  
 Col. Steven R. Todd  
 Col. Steven C. Turner  
 Col. Theodore O. Unbehagen  
 Col. Matthew A. Valas  
 Col. Ravindra V. Wagh  
 Col. Edward J. Wallace  
 Col. Zara A. Walters  
 Col. Jeffrey D. Wood

## IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Patti L. Fries

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Tommy F. Tillman, Jr.

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Steven J. Butow

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, Mr. President, today, hundreds—hundreds—of military families across the country can breathe a sigh of relief. The Senate has now unanimously confirmed hundreds

of military nominations that were held up for 10 months by a single person: the Senator from Alabama. Thank God, these military officers will now get the promotions they so rightfully earned.

I am happy that, after so much unnecessary delay by one Senator, we have finally moved forward and given these men and women the promotions they deserve. And we will work to confirm the rest of the nominees that were on hold very soon.

While today's confirmations are good news, these holds should never have happened in the first place. Unfortunately, resolving this impasse took too long, risking our national security and throwing the lives of so many military families into discombobulation. I am glad that pointless and gravely damaging ordeal has finally, finally ended.

Now, let this incident be a warning: No one—no one—should attempt this in the Senate again. The senior Senator from Alabama has nothing to show for his 10 months of delay—no law is changing in any way—except for the damage he did to our military readiness and the pain he caused to military families. If every Senator did what Senator TUBERVILLE tried to do and held up military confirmations because of this or that partisan issue, no matter how deeply felt, it would grind the Senate to a halt. It would be a catastrophe for our military. Holding up military nominations was an unsuccessful and risky strategy in this instance and should never, ever happen again.

I want to thank my colleagues from both sides of the aisle who spoke out in defense of our military families. I want to thank, particularly, Senator REED, the chair of the Armed Services Committee; Senator KLOBUCHAR, the chair of the Rules Committee; and I really want to thank Senators ERNST and SULLIVAN for their courage in helping break the logjam after so, so many months. For all those who played a part in bringing this impasse to an end, thank you. Thank you. It took patience. It took resolve. But we have emerged on the right side of where we should be.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am rejoicing in the orders that Senator SCHUMER read. The first thing I would like to do is apologize to the hundreds of officers—men and women who dedicated themselves to their country—and also to their families for this unusual, shall we say, disruption of their promotions to ranks they have won through their merit and effort.

I think also, too, that it is important to note the contribution of Senator SULLIVAN and Senator ERNST and Senator YOUNG and Senator GRAHAM and others. They recognized that military officers are not political pawns; that they are men and women who have dedicated themselves and their families to service, to protect the Constitu-

tion of the United States. So they joined in to ensure that, today, we could have these much delayed promotions on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

Once again, Mr. President, we have to recognize, in the future, we can never do this again; that these men and women served their lives, decades; they served with courage; they served with integrity; they have served with decency. They do it for this country—not for a political party, not for a cause or a popular emotion. They do it to defend their country. And they are aided every step of the way by their families, by their spouses, by their children. In fact, these spouses and children make as many, if not more, sacrifices than the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and guardsmen themselves, in my view.

But let us commit that, as we go forward, we shall not view a soldier in the context of a political dynamic but in the context of his or her quality of service, her integrity, her decency, and—above all—their not only solemn obligation but complete life of preserving and defending the Constitution of the United States.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

#### VENEZUELA

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, on Sunday, October 22, 2023, more than 2 million Venezuelans around the world made their voices heard and cast their votes in support of Maria Corina Machado, the official opposition candidate for the upcoming presidential elections.

These brave Venezuelans participated in this election at great personal risk but did so united by their dedication to ridding Venezuela of the brutal oppression brought onto them by Nicolas Maduro and returning freedom and democracy to their country.

This is a significant moment in the Venezuelan people's fight for freedom and true representative government—something I have been fighting alongside them to achieve for years. It is imperative that the United States stand with them, recognize Maria Corina Machado as Venezuela's duly elected presidential opposition candidate, and lead the international community in doing the same.

The National Primary Commission is to be commended for its ability to successfully organize and carry out the opposition primary election despite facing numerous obstacles, threats, and attacks from the illegitimate Maduro regime. The work of the National Primary Commission advances the cause of freedom in Venezuela and represents the best interest of its citizens.

It also is in our national security interest and the best interests of all who strive for peace, liberty, and stability for nations in Latin America and across the Western Hemisphere to recognize and support the fundamental role the Commission is carrying out in Venezuela.

The United States must use this opportunity to put the full weight and power of our Nation behind the cause of freedom in Venezuela. Our national security depends on us being strong in this moment. However, we cannot act from a position of strength while negotiating with a murderous, dishonest, and tyrannical dictator.

I have been unequivocal in my condemnation of attempts to negotiate with Nicolas Maduro on any issue beyond how and when he will leave power.

Recently, I wrote to President Biden urging him to acknowledge this moment and immediately revise the conditions of sanctions relief that the administration has recently offered to the Maduro regime. That is the only way to make clear that Maduro and his thugs, who have horrifically murdered and oppressed the Venezuelan people for years, will see no easing of sanctions until free and fair elections are held and democracy returns to Venezuela and the following conditions are met:

No. 1. Maria Corina Machado, as the sole Presidential opposition candidate, should be represented on the opposition delegation of the Venezuelan-led negotiations in Barbados.

No. 2. Maria Corina Machado is officially allowed to run as the sole Presidential candidate of opposition in the 2024 Venezuelan Presidential election.

No. 3. The release of all political prisoners, including all U.S. citizens, by the illegitimate Maduro regime. It is hard to believe that we are negotiating with somebody who is holding American citizens.

No. 4. Reputable election observers are allowed to witness the illegitimate Maduro regime permitting international election observers from the Organization of American States, the European Union, the International Republican Institute, and the National Democratic Institute to ensure that the electoral process is genuinely free, fair, and transparent.

Finally, No. 5. Recognize the votes of the Venezuelan diaspora in the 2024 Venezuelan Presidential election.

Just a few days after Maria Corina Machado's big win in the 2023 primary elections, we are already seeing Nicolas Maduro, Diosdado Cabello, Jorge Rodriguez, and their thugs threatening, harassing, and attacking the National Primary Commission and everyone who voted for her and the hope she represents. Days after the election, the Maduro regime's handpicked supreme court declared the suspension of "all effects" of the Venezuelan primaries.

We must all see this for exactly what it is—a clear sign that Maduro's true intention is to never give up his power or allow freedom to return to Venezuela.

Lifting sanctions on the illegitimate regime of Nicolas Maduro and permitting the sale of oil and gas would essentially fund Maduro's 2024 Presidential