



NEWS RELEASE

Maj. Mike Petersen, Director of Public Affairs, Connecticut National Guard

OFFICE: 860-524-4857 CELL: 860-883-5336

EMAIL: Michael.T.Petersen.mil@mail.mil

WEB: www.ct.ng.mil/



<https://twitter.com/CTNationalGuard>



<https://www.facebook.com/ConnecticutNationalGuard>



<https://flickr.com/CTNationalGuard>



<https://instagram.com/CTNationalGuard>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 17, 2018

CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD TO HOST STATE'S 69th ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON

U.S. Army Chief of Transportation to Deliver Keynote Address

HARTFORD, Conn. --- Maj. Gen. Thad Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announced that the National Guard will host current and former armed service members at the 69th Annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, Connecticut, on Friday, May 18, 2018, at noon.

This event is open to the media, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey W. Drushal, Chief of Transportation, U.S. Army, will deliver the keynote address.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The Armed Forces Day Luncheon provides an opportunity to recognize the men and women of Connecticut who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Drushal's decorated career spans nearly 30 years and includes three deployments to Iraq, two deployments to Afghanistan and one deployment to Kuwait according to his official biography. He also supported state and national-level relief operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

-MORE-



NEWS RELEASE

Maj. Mike Petersen, Director of Public Affairs, Connecticut National Guard

OFFICE: 860-524-4857 CELL: 860-883-5336

EMAIL: Michael.T.Petersen.mil@mail.mil

WEB: www.ct.ng.mil/



<https://twitter.com/CTNationalGuard>



<https://www.facebook.com/ConnecticutNationalGuard>



<https://flickr.com/CTNationalGuard>



<https://instagram.com/CTNationalGuard>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2-2-2

“We look forward to welcoming Brig. Gen. Drushal to Connecticut,” said Maj. Gen. Martin. “The Connecticut National Guard is no stranger to transportation-based logistics deployments and we relish the opportunity to hear from such an experienced leader.”

The luncheon will recognize one local service member of each component of the Armed Forces in an award ceremony to include: the Connecticut Army National Guard, the Connecticut Air National Guard, the Army Reserve, the Naval Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve, and the Coast Guard Reserve.

-30-

Directions: (To the Aqua Turf) – **From Hartford** – I 84 West and take Exit 29 (left hand exit). At the end of the exit, take a left. Come to first light and take a right onto Mulberry Street. Go approximately 1-½ miles and the Aqua Turf will be on your right.