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LT. GENERAL ROBERT F. MILLIGAN, OF MARY ESTHER, APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Governor Jeb Bush appoints United States Marine Corps Lt. General Robert F. Milligan (retired), former Florida Comptroller, to Volunteer Florida.

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Jeb Bush recently appointed United States Marine Corps Lt. General Robert F. Milligan (Ret.), of Mary Esther, to the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida). General Milligan will serve a three-year term.

General Milligan holds a distinguished record of 39 years of military experience. He retired as a Lieutenant General in 1991.

Milligan's Marine Corps career culminated as Commanding General of Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific, and Marine Corps Bases, Pacific, with headquarters in Hawaii. General Milligan was responsible for two-thirds of the operating forces of the Marine Corps, consisting of 92,000 Marines and sailors serving at 18 bases and stations and aboard ships at sea, stretching from the continental United States to the far reaches of the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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General Milligan was elected to a four-year term as Comptroller of Florida in November 1994. He was reelected in November 1998 to a second term. He retired from political service in January 2003. As Florida's Comptroller, Milligan was the state's Chief Financial Officer serving as the watchdog over taxpayers' money, head of the Department of Banking and Finance, and was a member of the Florida Cabinet.

General Milligan serves on a number of boards, including The Florida Blind Services Foundation, The Tallahassee Community College Foundation, The Constitution Accountability Commission, and the United Way of Okaloosa-Walton Counties Board of Directors.

“We are delighted that General Milligan has agreed serve as one of our Commissioners!” said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. “What a privilege to have someone with such a distinguished career in leadership as a part of the Volunteer Florida family!”

Volunteer Florida Commissioners drive Volunteer Florida's mission, and are actively involved in volunteer and service activities. They are a diverse, bipartisan group of citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, who serve a three-year term.

The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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