

Hickel named Cox to head military and veterans affairs

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Maj. Gen. Hugh Cox, a retired Air Force general from Virginia, has been named by Gov. Walter Hickel to become commissioner of the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Cox, 56, will replace Maj. Gen. John Schaeffer as the DMVA commissioner and adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard in a Feb. 9 change of command ceremony.

He will also oversee the Alaska Division of Emergency Services and the Division of Veterans Affairs.

"We are extremely pleased that

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we could attract a man of his caliber at a time when the military focus in the North Pacific is changing," Hickel said in a statement.

"Gen. Cox has had leadership experience with both the Army and the Air Force and that's what the Guard is."

Cox was born and raised in Texas. He earned his pilot wings in 1959 and has been stationed at bases throughout the United States, England, Western Europe and

Southeast Asia, including a year in Thailand directing air operations for C-130 aircraft during the Vietnam War.

He served with the Alaskan Air Command at Elmendorf Air Force Base from 1966 through 1968, and returned in 1976-1977 as deputy commander of the 21st Air Base Group at Elmendorf.

Since retiring from the Air Force in August of 1989, Cox has been living with his wife Patricia in Virginia and working as a defense industry consultant in Washington, D.C.