

Evers appoints Knapp to lead Wisconsin National Guard

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Gov. Tony Evers has appointed Brig. Gen. Paul Knapp to lead the Wisconsin National Guard.

Knapp is a Wisconsin native and current Whitefish Bay resident who has not served in the Wisconsin National Guard but boasts more than 25 years of experience with the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

He currently serves as the mobilization assistant to the commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center. He commands the joint battle staff aboard the Airborne Nuclear Command Post.

“Being appointed as the Wisconsin Adjutant General by Governor Evers is a dream job for this kid from Antigo, Wisconsin, who chose a military career,” Knapp said in a release Monday.

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He replaces Maj. Gen. Don Dunbar, who stepped down in December in the wake of an investigation finding the Guard mishandled sexual assault and harassment complaints.

A review called for by Evers and U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin found the Wisconsin National Guard created its own arm to investigate allegations of sexual harassment and assault in violation of state and federal law.

The move created “internal, command-driven” probes, a “direct violation” of Department of Defense policies and practices that “negatively impacted” the quality and legality of sexual assault investigations, a report by military investigators found.

Knapp was among the finalists recommended to replace Dunbar by “an expert panel” of current and retired military officers that included the leaders of the Maine and Georgia national guards.

See the release:

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