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Major General Vincent E. Boles, USA (Ret)
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Dear General Boles:

I extend the sincere thanks of our grateful Nation for your many years of exemplary service in the United States Army. Your patriotic devotion to duty in times of peace and war is inspiring, and it speaks volumes about your commitment to serving our country.

In your career, you have looked beyond your own comfort and safety to protect the lives and way of life of those you may never meet. That exceptional spirit of sacrifice is the mark of the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. Your courage and selflessness are values each American can look to as we work to keep this Nation's dream alive for future generations.

As you celebrate this milestone, take pride in the accomplishments and contributions you have made as part of the greatest fighting force the world has ever known. Michelle and I send our warmest wishes for a rewarding retirement and wish you the best of luck as you embark upon the next stage of your life.

Sincerely,