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Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Guy Reece Presented with American Flag Flown in Afghanistan

Afghanistan, Desert Storm Veteran Honors Reece for Mentorship

COLUMBUS, OHIO -- Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Guy L. Reece, II, a retired Colonel of the U.S. Army, received an American flag today that was flown during a combat mission in Afghanistan by a serviceman who calls Reece his "mentor."

Lieutenant Colonel Fred J. Pringle of the 3-401st AFSBn presented the flag to Reece in his courtroom in downtown Columbus. Pringle said he first met Reece when Reece visited his unit in Cadiz, Ohio in 1987. In the years that followed, Reece invited Pringle to several events to expose him to military leadership.

"Those experiences helped in me being selected for Company Command upon my return from Operation Desert Storm in 1991," Pringle said. "I always valued his evaluations and input on my performances and the various events/posts that he served at."

"Because of the mentorship provided by COL Reece (Ret) in my formidable years, I had an American Flag flown for him on a combat mission in Afghanistan where I just recently returned from," Pringle continued. "It is a way to recognize him for both his mentorship and his service."

During his career in the Army, Judge Reece earned numerous awards, including the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam.

"I'm truly humbled by LTC Pringle's gesture," Reece said. "For him to honor our friendship and brotherhood-at-arms like this is very special. I'm very proud of his and his colleagues' service to our country; their bravery and patriotism are examples for all Americans to hold up and cherish."

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