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WDVA Secretary promoted to Colonel in U.S. Army Reserve

(MADISON) In addition to his day-to-day duties as head of the state's Department of Veterans Affairs, WDVA Secretary John A. Scocos continues his military service as a reserve officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. In a small ceremony held today in Madison, Scocos was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

Scocos is a veteran with more than 24 years of active and reserve military service with the U.S. Army, including overseas assignments. He began his military career as an enlisted soldier in 1979, and was later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant following his graduation from the Reserve Officer Training Program (ROTC). He has commanded military units from the platoon to battalion levels.

Attending the ceremony was Scocos' mother and father John G. Scocos, a WWII veteran who as a B-24 bombardier was shot down over Nazi Germany and held prisoner of war until after the allied liberation of Europe.

Also attending the ceremony were Scocos' wife, Kelly, their daughter Chloe, and son Andreas. Scocos' uncle, Marvin Peterson, a retired Naval Commander, and his wife Kea also attended.

Others attending included Colonel (retired) and former WDVA secretary Raymond G. Boland, Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs members Don Heiliger and Marvin Freedman, both Vietnam veterans, Brigadier General Andrew M. Schuster of the U.S. Army Reserve, County Veterans Service Officers Michael Jackson and Domingo Leguizamon, and Tom Dietz of the Madison Vet Center.

Scocos' current Reserve assignment is as Military Assistant with the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

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