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ADJUTANT GENERAL NASH TO DELIVER ONE OF HIS FIRST KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AS HEAD OF NATIONAL GUARD AT VETS' DAY ASSEMBLY

Four Academy Alumni will be Honored with the Fleming Alumni Veteran Award

WHAT: As a Army JROTC military academy, [Saint Thomas Academy](#) will honor alumni veterans and all veterans at a special Veterans Day assembly with keynote speaker [Maj. Gen. Richard C. Nash](#), the adjutant general for Minnesota and head of the Minnesota National Guard – the fifth largest Guard with 14,000 troops. Nash was sworn in as head of the Guard on Monday, Nov. 1 by Gov. Tim Pawlenty. Previously he was the commander of the 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division.

In addition, the Academy will present [Fleming Alumni Veteran Awards](#) to four alumni, recognizing their honorable service in the U.S. military and dedication to the Academy. These honoree include:

- Maj. Matt Michaud, U.S. Air Force, STA '93 – Currently serving as a B-2 Stealth Bomber Pilot in the 325th Operations Squadron, Whiteman AFB. Michaud will be present to accept his award.
- *1LT Eugene Hanousek, U.S. Army, STMA '31 – Infantry Platoon Leader for the 30th Infantry Regiment / 3rd Infantry Division. He was killed in action, Feb. 5, 1945, while attacking German forces near Colmar, France.
- *Capt. Kelly Hinz, U.S. Marine Corps, STA '93 – F/A-18 Hornet Pilot in the 323rd Marine Fighter Attack Squadron. He was killed May 2, 2005, in a fatal aircraft crash near Karbala, Iraq.
- *Capt. Thomas (O'Kane) Gramith, U.S. Air Force, STA '00 – An F-15 Strike Eagle Weapons Officer in the 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron. Gramith died in a fatal aircraft accident on July 17, 2009, near Ghanzi, Afghanistan.

*Family members will receive these awards on behalf of the honorees.

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 10 – 9:30-10:15 a.m.

WHO: [Maj. Gen. Richard C. Nash](#), the adjutant general
Maj. Matt Michaud, USAF, STA '93
Families of Fleming Award recipients
Saint Thomas Academy Corps of Cadets, faculty, alumni and staff

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About the Fleming Alumni Award

The Fleming Alumni Veteran Award, or the Fleming Medal, is named for Capt. Richard Fleming '35, recipient of the Medal of Honor and the Academy's highest decorated graduate. Andrew Scheaffer '08 designed the circle-shaped medallion, a melding of the Maltese cross worn on the Cadet Class A lapel with the school crest of a crossed rifle and saber. Four blue stones symbolize the foundational attributes of Saint Thomas Academy. Inscribed on the top of the medal is "PRO DEO et PATRIA" (for God and Country). The Class of 2008 funded the development of the design. Past recipients include:

- James Garberg, STMA '41, who holds the nation's second highest award for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism
- Carl Baumgaertner, STMA '42, a Silver Star and three-time Bronze Star recipient
- Lt. Col. Jack Clarke, U.S. Army (ret.), STMA '48, a recipient of the Bronze Star and two Silver Stars
- Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient 1st Lt. Robert E. Lee, STMA '43, a Weapons Platoon Leader for Company E, 304th Infantry Regiment during WWII. He was fatally wounded in action on March 1, 1945, at the age of 19.
- Lt. Gen. George Monahan Jr. , U.S. Air Force, STMA '49, former director of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (aka Star Wars) and a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Commendation Medal
- Pearl Harbor survivor Lt. Col. Ken Deans, U.S. Army, STMA '30, a recipient of the American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (German), National Defense Service Medal, WWII Victory medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal

About Maj. Gen. Richard C. Nash

Nash's military service began with his enlistment into the Infantry in 1972. He would later earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry following completion of the Officer Candidate School. Nash has since commanded at all levels, from company to multinational division. He most recently completed a deployed assignment as Commander, United States Division - South supporting Operation Iraq Freedom in 2010. Prior to his current Division Commander assignment, Nash served as Special Assistant to the Combatant Commander, North American Aerospace Command, United States Northern Command. He also served as the Commanding General for the Multinational Brigade (North), SFOR-14 in support of Operation Joint Forge, Bosnia Herzegovina, a tour he performed while serving as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) for the 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division.

About Saint Thomas Academy

Celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2010-2011, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the Academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, morally and physically in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com.

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