

(WASHINGTON)--- Congressman Allen West (FL-22) released this statement today on the retirement of General David Petraeus, commending his nearly four decades of service to the United States Military:

"General David Petraeus is the epitome of an American patriot and I commend his service, as well as the sacrifice of his family, during the nearly four decades he served in the United States Army. His vast experience and courage on the battlefield will most certainly be an asset as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. As a 22- year veteran of the United States Army and a Member of the House Committee on Armed Services, I have had the honor of knowing General Petraeus for over a decade.

Instead of taking the approach that 'old soldiers never die, they just fade away' – General Petraeus is now trading in one military uniform to serve his country in another. I commend General Petraeus for his enduring commitment to the United States as he now transitions into this new position. Our country is indeed fortunate for the continued service of an exceptional American leader."

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