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V Corps Commander nominated for Pentagon position

Heidelberg, Germany (July 26, 2007) -- Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced yesterday that the President has nominated Lt. Gen. James D. Thurman, commander of V Corps here, to become the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

The nomination has to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

General Thurman has been commander of V Corps since January this year. V Corps serves the U.S. European Command and is the United States Army's only forward-deployed corps headquarters. With more than 25,000 soldiers and civilians, V Corps is the Army's contingency force for European and Central Command missions and stands ready to deploy from its bases in Europe to Central and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean, Africa, the Middle East and the Persian Gulf.

During his command, Thurman used his experience gained during command in Iraq to improve readiness and training of deploying units. He was also instrumental in starting the transformation of the current military structures to create an operational corps-level joint deployable headquarters.

If confirmed by the Senate, Thurman will be leaving Germany to head the Army G-3/5/7 which has the Army General Staff responsibility for strategy formulation, overall force development, individual and unit training policy, the functional aspects of strategic and tactical

command and control systems, nuclear and chemical matters, and establishing requirements and priorities for the employment and sustenance of Army forces. Additionally, the Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7 is the Joint Chief of Staff Deputy for Army Operations and serves as the principle advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) on joint matters, National Security Council matters, and the politico-military aspects of international affairs.

In 1975, Thurman received a Regular Army Commission from the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Armor branch following graduation from Webster University. He has held various assignments throughout the major commands of the Army, Headquarters, U.S. Army and NATO. Prior to taking command of V Corps, Thurman commanded the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Fort Hood, Texas since June, 2004. In January 2006, he commanded Multi-National Division-Baghdad in Iraq until November 2006. General Thurman is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced also that the President has nominated Army Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hunzeker, for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and assignment as the commanding general, V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany. Hunzeker is currently serving as the commanding general, Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom.