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## **Major General (R) Stanhope Spears Joins American Business Development Group**

Arlington, VA, 31 May, 2011 – Major General (R) Stanhope “Stan” Spears has joined ABDG as a member of our Advisory Board. General Spears will help round out the ABDG Board by bringing his 38 years of Commissioned military service to our team.

General Spears’ final military assignment was as The Adjutant General (TAG) of South Carolina. The only popularly-elected Adjutant General in the United States, General Spears attained the federally recognized rank of Brigadier General prior to his election in 1994, he was promoted to Major General soon after his election. General Spears commanded at all tactical levels through Battalion and Commanded State Area Headquarters Elements prior to becoming Assistant TAG and TAG.

General Spears and his wife Dot remain tireless advocates for the Citizen Soldier and the National Guard family. Bill Skipper, ABDG’s President and CEO said “I’ve known General Spears for over 25 years; he has been a friend and mentor to me for my entire professional life. I’m extremely excited he’ll be bringing his wealth of experience and knowledge into our organization and even more excited that he has decided to remain very active in the affairs of the National Guard. Few have as deep an understanding as General Spears of the vital role the National Guard plays in our nation’s defense and the role the Guard plays in defending the homeland against terrorism and natural disasters alike. As a team, Stan and Dot are national treasures when it comes to advocating for and supporting our Guard family.”

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