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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Retired colonel John R. Ady, Illinois Wesleyan University Class of 1962, recently accepted the Five Stars of Excellence Award from the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) on behalf of the Arizona chapter in Scottsdale. Ady received the award at the organization's annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Ady is serving the second of a two-year term as president for the chapter, whose 220 members are retired, active or former officers from all branches of the service, including the Reserves and the National Guard. This is the seventh consecutive year the chapter has received this award, which was bestowed by the organization's board of trustees in recognition of the chapter's Junior ROTC Scholarship Program at local high schools, military family assistance, participation in the area homeless veterans support project and the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Program.

A native of Chicago, Ady retired in 2000 from the Army Reserve after 32 and a half years of service on active duty, as an active reserve and as a member of the Army National Guard in Illinois and Massachusetts. During this time, he held many command and key staff positions, including the commander of the 66th Brigade FSB and the commandant of the Illinois Military Academy. Over the years, Ady also served in the private sector for 20 years at a Fortune 500 company and he operated Ady & Associates, a human resources consulting company for 18 years before retiring in 2005.

Ady received a B.S. degree in business administration from IWU, an M.B.A. from the University of Illinois and a M.S. degree from Eastern Illinois University. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

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John Ady '62 (right) receives the Five Star Award from Admiral Steve Abbott, MOAA chairman of the board.

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