

Bob Dole



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BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION

DOLE NAMES JOE ROBLES TO 1995 BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today announced that he has selected Joe Robles, Jr. to serve on the 1995 Base Closure and Realignment Commission. Robles, who retired from the U.S. Army in 1994 as a Major General after 28 years of service, is senior vice president, Chief Financial Officer/Corporate Controller for USAA Financial Services.

Dole selected General Robles after the White House declined to forward the nomination of Michael P.W. Stone to the Senate.

"I am pleased that such a high calibre individual as Joe Robles has agreed to serve on this important panel," Dole said. "The commission has a tough job ahead of it, and General Robles brings to this effort a tremendous understanding of our nation's military capabilities and priorities. I regret the White House blocked the nomination of Mike Stone, but we are fortunate to have the service of Joe Robles on the commission," Dole added.

In a career during which he received numerous military awards, General Robles served in a variety of important command and staff positions, culminating in his assignment as Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, at Fort Riley, Kansas. General Robles previously served as Director of the Army Budget, and as the assistant division commander, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Hood, Texas. He is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and his early troop assignments included command and staff positions in Field Artillery Units in Korea; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Vietnam; and Germany.

Robles, who was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, holds business administration degrees from Kent State University and Indiana State University.

Under the Base Closure Law, the commission is made up of eight members appointed by the President and the House and Senate Leadership. The appointments are forwarded by the President to the Senate for confirmation.

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