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**VALLEE EARNS APPOINTMENT AS STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE**

**Milford, Mass.** – Representative James E. Vallee (*D – Franklin*) has reported for active duty this month as the acting Staff Judge Advocate of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Vallee received his official appointment to the position at the Joint Force Headquarters in Milford on August 20<sup>th</sup>, where he also began a month of active service. With more than 15 years of experience as both a National Guard, Army Reserve member and an attorney, Vallee has been appointed to the position by Major General Joseph C. Carter, Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard. His nomination comes after a recent promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

“As Judge Advocate, I will have the opportunity to provide legal support to the men and women who serve this country here and overseas,” Vallee said. “It is an important role, and I am truly honored and proud to be of service to our Army National Guard in this capacity.”

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is responsible focused on support to the Soldiers and Airmen, staff and leadership of the Massachusetts National Guard. As the Acting Staff Judge Advocate LTC Vallee will serve as a special staff officer to the Adjutant General and as such report to him on all matters pertaining to the administration, management and execution of the legal obligations of the Massachusetts National Guard.

“As a soldier, I have a responsibility to protect democratic process, while as an attorney, I have a responsibility to practice and uphold the law,” Vallee said. “My role as Judge Advocate requires fusion of these dual responsibilities. It is a unique opportunity.”

Vallee also has the responsibility to shape the law, having spent seven terms as a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature. He is one of only 68 state lawmakers serving in their states’ National Guard or reserve units.

Vallee has been awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service medal for his active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism.