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## News Release

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### **Novice Nancy Gucwa retires from U.S. Army**

**CLYDE, Mo.** - Novice Nancy Gucwa, who is in formation with the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, was honored for her official retirement from the U.S. Army during a reception July 12 at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

Born and raised in New York, Novice Nancy was a member of the first class that admitted women to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

After graduation in 1980, she served active duty for six years and continued her army career as a member of the reserves, earning the rank of lieutenant colonel. She later earned an MBA and enjoyed a career in the financial and banking industries. Heeding the call to religious life, she entered the Benedictine Sisters in 2006.

"I would encourage all women who have had careers, even in their 30's and 40's, to consider whether a religious vocation is right for them," she said.

During the retirement ceremony, Novice Nancy presented remarks that provided insight to the Benedictine Sisters and compared monastic and military life.

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**Novice Nancy Gucwa (center) of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration was recently honored to recognize her retirement from the U.S. Army. Also pictured are Prioress General Sister Pat Nyquist (left) and Formation Director Rita Clair Dohn.**

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