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**MAJ. GENERAL WALTER GIVHAN, USAF, RETIRED
TO SPEAK AT CENTRE FOR COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING**

The Selma and Dallas County Centre for Commerce will host its 12th Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 28 at the Carl C. Morgan Convention Center in downtown Selma.

A Reception sponsored by the Economic Development Authority will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m., ending at 7:00 p.m. when the seated Dinner meeting begins.

A native of Safford, Ala., General Givhan graduated from Morgan Academy in Selma, and the University of the South in Sewanee, TN, where he was a National Merit Scholar.

While in the Air Force he served as the U.S. air liaison officer to the commanding general, French ground forces, for operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and he led the effort to rebuild the Afghan air force as Commanding General of the Combined Air Power Transition Force. He also has commanded a combat training squadron, an operations group, an air base wing, an air expeditionary wing, and the Air Force Institute of Technology.

General Givhan is currently the Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Economic Development for Troy University. He has served in this position since August 2014, and heads a team whose mission is to grow Troy University through acquisition of external funding with related fund raising; telling the TROY story; building institutional pride by creative marketing,

keeping alumni engaged as lifelong supporters, and leading TROY's efforts in regional and state economic development.

He is married to the former Frances Beeland of Greenville, Ala. They have five children.

Tickets to this annual dinner meeting may be purchased for \$40 each at the Centre for Commerce, 912 Selma Avenue. The firm cut-off date for ticket purchases is Friday, January 22.

The Centre for Commerce is a non-profit corporation that offers strategic direction and administration of shared operational expenses for the Economic Development Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, and Tourism.

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