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## **Economic forum features Lempke's report on taxation**

**KEARNEY — Former Adjutant General of Nebraska Roger Lempke is the keynote speaker at the upcoming Economics Issues Forum in Kearney.**

The public event is at 7 p.m. Monday at Yanney Heritage Park. It is sponsored by the Platte Institute for Economic Research. Lempke will discuss his organization's first study on taxation, which was done in conjunction with Ernie Goss of Creighton University.

The study takes an in-depth look at how Nebraska compares with bordering states when it comes to taxation. It also features tax policy recommendations to help make Nebraska a more attractive place to move to or remain living in.

Lempke is executive director of the Platte Institute for Economic Research, a Nebraska-based research and educational organization founded on the belief that the protection of freedom and quality of life Nebraskans enjoy are best served by free enterprise.

The institute studies current public policy issues and develops proposals to increase economic opportunity while protecting Nebraskans' individual rights.

Lempke is the former adjutant general of Nebraska. During a 10-year active duty career, he accumulated nearly 1,700 flying hours — mostly as an instructor — and helped develop a new offensive avionics system for the B-52 bomber.

He also worked 20 years for aerospace manufacturing company Brunswick Corp. Lempke was named the 2007 Nebraskan of Year by the Nebraska Rotary organization and honored as a Trailblazer by the Nebraskaland Foundation.

A Tecumseh native, Lempke now lives in Lincoln.

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