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ANOTHER 'FIRST' FOR COL. DAVIS

[[image: photo of a woman shaking the hand of a man in military uniform]]

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