



## MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD BRIGADIER GENERAL ANDREW S. RENDON COMMANDER, 66<sup>TH</sup> TROOP COMMAND

Brig. Gen. Andrew S. Rendon serves as the Commanding General of the 66th Troop Command, Mississippi Army National Guard (MSARNG). He is responsible and accountable for the readiness, training, and development of all Soldiers within the formation and oversees the development and coordination of all policies, plans, and programs of the 66th Troop Command and all subordinate units.

Rendon has over 28 years of military service beginning nearly three decades ago after graduating from ROTC and branching as an Army Aviator. From 1998-2000, he served as a platoon leader and logistics officer for the 2-1 Aviation Regiment, Katterbach, Germany. In 2000, he was selected for company command, serving as commander, F Company, 1-212th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Shifting over to the Mississippi National Guard, he served as the logistics officer for 1-185th Aviation Regiment and platoon leader, C Company, 1-114th Aviation Regiment in Tupelo. As a major, he served as the 185th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade (ECAB) communications officer and assistant operations officer. In 2008, he became the 1-185th battalion executive officer and, from 2009 to 2011, the commander of C Company and the 1-114th Aviation Regiment. From 2011-2012, he served as an aircraft maintenance officer in A Company, 1108th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group (TASMG) in Gulfport. From 2012-2014 he served as the aviation officer in the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team in Tupelo. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 2014 and selected as one of four (Army-wide) commanders for A Company, 1108th TASMG. In 2016, he was selected to command the 1-185th Assault Helicopter Battalion. In 2019, he served as the plans officer for Joint Forces Headquarters, promoted to colonel, and accepted command of the 185th ECAB in Jackson. Following command, he served as the state aviation officer and chief of staff -Army. On 1 July 2024, he was appointed as Commander of the 66th Troop Command.

Rendon has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Mississippi, a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University, a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a PhD from Mississippi State University. His military operational assignments include three deployments to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, and one deployment supporting Operation Enduring Freedom to Camp Marmal, Afghanistan. His military education and training is an extensive list that includes the Army Airborne Course, pilot qualification courses for TH-67 Creek, UH-1 Huey, UH-60 Blackhawk, and LUH72 Lakota Helicopters including Maintenance Test Pilot and Instructor Pilot courses, U.S. Army Command and General Staff Course, Senior Operations, and the U.S. Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, six Meritorious Service Medals, and numerous other federal and state awards. He has also earned the Senior Army Aviator and Parachutist badges and the order of St. Michael.

Rendon lives in Starkville, with his wife Hilary Rendon. They are the proud parents of Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kyler Rendon and Ms. Sarah Rendon. His civilian career is at MSU where he serves as the Executive Director for Veteran and Military Affairs. His memberships include the National Guard Association of Mississippi, the National Guard Association of the United States (Lifetime Member), Army Aviation Association of America, Lifetime Member of the U.S. Army War College Alumni Association, member of the America College Personnel Association, and inductee, Pi Alpha Alpha, Public Administration.

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