



## BRIGADIER GENERAL TOMMY F. TILLMAN, JR.

Brig. Gen. Tommy F. Tillman, Jr. serves as the Chief of Staff, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. He assists the commander and The Adjutant General in formulating, developing, and coordinating all programs, policies, and plans ensuring the mission readiness of the 172nd Airlift Wing, 186th Air Refueling Wing, and the Combat Readiness Training Center. Additionally, General Tillman serves jointly as the Assistant Adjutant General, Mississippi National Guard.

General Tillman enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard in March 1987. After five years of enlisted service, he commissioned through the Academy of Military Science in July 1992. Brig. Gen. Tillman started his flying career at Reese Air Force Base, Texas and is a command pilot with more than 4,450 total flying hours in the C-141B/C and C-17A aircraft. He has held numerous positions at the squadron, wing, and state level and through his expertise, was selected as Initial Cadre for the 172nd Airlift Wing's transition to the C-17 Globemaster III. Prior to assuming his current position, General Tillman was the A3 Director of Operations for the Mississippi Air National Guard where he executed statewide initiatives in accordance with the Assistant Adjutant General and The Adjutant General's vision to ensure the Mississippi Air National Guard's unity of effort. Concurrently, he also served jointly as the Chief of Joint Staff, Mississippi National Guard.



## EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.
- 1993 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2007 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2015 Master of Business Administration, Trident University International, Ariz.

## ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. July 1992–August 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. September 1993–December 1993, Student, C-141B Formal Training Unit, Altus AFB, Okla.
3. December 1993–December 1997, C-141B Pilot, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
4. December 1997–October 2001, Command and Control Officer, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
5. October 2001–July 2003, Wing Plans Officer, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
6. July 2003–August 2003, Student, C-17A Formal Training Unit, Altus AFB, Okla.
7. August 2003–July 2004, Assistant Flight Commander, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
8. July 2004–September 2009, Chief of Current Operations, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
9. September 2009–January 2013, Air National Guard Advisor to the Inspector General, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
10. January 2013–May 2014, Operations Group Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss
11. June 2014–May 2018, Vice Wing Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
12. June 2018–February 2022, Wing Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
13. February 2022–May 2024, Director of Operations, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Miss.





14. May 2024-present, Chief of Staff - Air, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Miss.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,450

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-1A, C-141B/C and C-17A

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with twelve oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service with five oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Training Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

## STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Mississippi Medal of Efficiency

Mississippi War Medal with oak leaf cluster

Mississippi Emergency Service Medal

Mississippi Service School Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Mississippi Longevity Medal with three oak leaf clusters

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Board of Directors, Mississippi Young Men's Christian Association

Life member, National Guard Association of Mississippi

Life member, National Guard Association of the United States

Member, Rotary International

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 30, 1992

First Lieutenant November 5, 1994

Captain November 5, 1996

Major January 25, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel June 2, 2005

Colonel May 26, 2011

Brigadier General May 1, 2024

(Current as of February 2025)

