

## U.S. ARMY SONG

*March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.*

*We're the Army and proud of our name!*

*We're the Army and proudly proclaim:*

*First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Then it's hi! hi! hey!*

*The Army's on its way.*

*Count off the cadence loud and strong;*

*For where'er we go,*

*You will always know*

*That the Army goes rolling along.*

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

**CURTIS J. GARRETTE**

&

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

**STEVEN D. JACKSON**



112TH MILITARY POLICE  
BATTALION

2924 US 51 S.

CANTON, MS

SATURDAY

13 JULY 2024

2:00 P.M.



## LIEUTENANT COLONEL CURTIS J. GARRETTE

Lieutenant Colonel Curtis J. Garrette is a native of Lexington, MS. He enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1989 as a Cannon Crewman in Charlie Battery, 2-114th Field Artillery. LTC Garrette graduated OCS in July 1999 and was assigned as a Platoon Leader, 113th Military Police Company. Since that time, he has served in various positions of increased responsibility to include: Fire Direction Officer, A Battery, 1-114th Field Artillery; HHD Commander and Training Officer, 112th

MP Battalion (deployed Iraq); Commander, 114th MP Company; Officer Strength Manager for the Mississippi Recruiting and Retention Battalion; Mobilization Operations Chief for the 177th Armored Brigade; Deputy G4 for the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command; Administrative Officer and Executive Officer for the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion; S4 Officer for the 168th Engineer Brigade; Deputy IG MSNG, and Commander, 112th MP Battalion. During his career he has deployed twice, overseas to Iraq in 2004 and the Southwest Border in 2023. He has also participated in several presidential and governor inaugurations, hurricane responses, and other disaster response missions.

Lieutenant Colonel Garrette holds a Bachelor of Political Science and Master's degree in Sociology, both from Jackson State University. He is also a graduate of the Mississippi Department of Corrections training Academy and the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy. Lieutenant Colonel Garrette's professional military education include: Primary Leadership and Development Course (PLDC), Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC), the Military Police Basic and Advanced Courses, Transportation Captains Career Course, Human Resource Management Course, Reserve Component Theater Sustainment Course, Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Intermediate Level Education Common Core (ILE), Advanced Operations Course, Support Operations Course, Reserve Component National Defense Security Course, Inspector General Course, and the Military Police Battalion Commanders' Course.

Lieutenant Colonel Garrette's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass Device and M Device and Numeral 2, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Mississippi Magnolia Medal, Mississippi Commendation Medal, Mississippi War Medal, Mississippi Emergency Service Medal, and the Mississippi Longevity Medal

LTC Garrette is married to the former Amanda Powels, and they have three children and six grandchildren.



## LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEVEN D. JACKSON

Lieutenant Colonel Steven D. Jackson is a native of Preston, MS. He enlisted into the Mississippi National Guard on September 16, 2003. LTC Jackson later contracted as a Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) cadet through the University of Southern Mississippi Reserve Officer Training Course. Upon graduation in May 2005, he commissioned a second lieutenant serving as an Intelligence Officer in the 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Jackson, MS. Since that time, he has served in various

positions of increased responsibility to include: Assistant S2 Officer, 2nd Battalion, 20th Group; Counter Terrorism Liaison, Special Operations Detachment (Deployed); Battalion S2, 112 Military Police Battalion; S2/S3, 114th Army Liaison Team (Deployed); Commander, Headquarters Company 66th Troop Command; Brigade S3, 168th Engineer Brigade; MSC S2, 66th Troop Command; Executive Officer, 185th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade (Deployed). LTC Jackson has deployed multiple times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve. He was the first African American to be appointed Chief of Police in DeKalb, Mississippi on November 4, 2008. LTC Jackson served with the U.S. Department of State as the Force Protection Officer for U.S. Embassy Guyana for six months. He has participated in several presidential and governor inaugurations, and other disaster response missions. He has also participated in several presidential and governor inaugurations, and other disaster response missions.

LTC Jackson has a Master of Science in Leadership (Belhaven University), Baccalaureate of Arts in Criminal Justice (University of Southern Mississippi), and an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice (East Mississippi Community College). He is a graduate of Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy. LTC Jackson's professional military education includes Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course, Military Intelligence Captain Career Course, Joint Special Operations Intelligence Course, US Army Command and General Staff College, Military Police Pre-Command Course, survival evasion resistance escape (SERE-C), intermediate level education (ILE), advance operations course (AOC), distributed common ground system-A operator's course, joint counterintelligence/human intelligence operations. He is also a graduate of the FBI/Mississippi Law Enforcement Command College and the Regional Counter Drug Training Academy. LTC Jackson completed and awarded the 31A qualification by US Army Military Police School.

LTC Jackson's awards include, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation w/ oakleaf cluster, Air and Space Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, US Department of State Meritorious Honor Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, Mississippi Longevity Medal, Mississippi Emergency Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, GWOT-Expeditionary, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ "M" Device Num 3, NATO ISAF medal, and Mississippi Commendation Medal.

LTC Jackson resides in Oxford, MS where he is assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office as the Law Enforcement Coordinator for the Northern District of Mississippi. Both of his children are members of the Mississippi National Guard, SFC Steven J. Jackson (Army), Senior Airmen Mercedes T. Jackson (Air) and godchildren, Marcus Green and Jaz'Mere Sudberry. He has four grandchildren, Khloe, Taiga, Steven M., and Marley.



## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

CEREMONIES

RECOGNITION OF  
DIGNITARIES

ENTRANCE OF OFFICIAL  
PARTY

INVOCATION

NATIONAL ANTHEM

CHANGE OF COMMAND

PRESENTATION TO  
FAMILIES

PASSING OF THE UNIT  
COLORS

POSTING OF THE ORDER

HONORING THE  
OUTGOING COMMANDER

OUTGOING COMMANDER  
REMARKS

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INCOMING COMMANDER

INCOMING COMMANDER  
REMARKS

THE ARMY SONG

RECEPTION