

PROMOTION CEREMONY

in honor of
LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ASHLEY C. SULLIVAN
TO THE RANK OF COLONEL



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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
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1:00 P.M.



ASHLEY C. SULLIVAN

Serves as the Deputy Commander for the 66th Troop Command, exercising mission command over 2,500 Soldiers within the Major Subordinate Command, which consists of two Aviation Brigades and their Battalions, a Special Operations Detachment, an Air Defense Artillery Battalion, a Military Police Battalion, a Special Forces Battalion, a Finance Battalion, a Public Affairs Detachment, and the 41st Army Band. He

is responsible for all administrative, logistical, and training activities to ensure the 66th Troop Command's personnel are prepared to accomplish their State and Federal missions, coordinating and synchronizing command and staff activities to support the subordinate units. As the full-time Administrative Officer, he supervises these units' daily command, administrative, and logistics activities and over 360 full-time employees. He is also the Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force Trident for Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) missions.

Lieutenant Colonel Ashley C. Sullivan began his military career in May 1996 when he enlisted as an Intelligence Analyst in the Mississippi Army National Guard.

LTC Sullivan received his commission as a 2LT in the United States Army through the University of Southern Mississippi's Army ROTC Battalion on December 15, 2001. He completed the Aviation Officer Basic Course and Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama, in May 2003 and the UH-60 (Blackhawk) qualification course in June 2003. He was assigned to HHC, 185th AVN GP, as the Executive Officer. He deployed with the 185th AVN GP to Balad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF II) from 2003 to 2004, where he was tasked to support Company A, 1-106th AVN REGT, ILARNG as a Platoon Leader. Upon his return, he began a Title 10 tour at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC) as the Mobilization Operations Center (MOC) Officer in Charge. He was subsequently promoted to Captain and assigned as the Future Plans and Operations Officer, where he provided vital deployment assistance to mobilized units and supported recovery efforts for Hurricane Katrina's response.

He completed the OH-58D (Kiowa Warrior) transition course in 2008. He led Alpha Troop, 1-230th Air Cavalry Squadron (OH-58D, Kiowa Warrior) from 2008-2011, deploying to Tal Afar and Mosul, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF 9-11). After redeploying, he continued to serve as the Company Commander and began his AGR assignment as the 185th Theater Aviation Brigade (TAB) Logistics Officer. In March 2011, he was assigned as the 185th TAB Assistant S3/ Simulation Operations Officer (FA-57). From December 2013 to July 2016, he served as the 1-185th AVN REGT XO, S3, and AGR Administrative Officer (AO). In July 2016, he returned to 185th TAB, where he transitioned from the Assistant S3/ Simulation Operations Officer (FA-57) to the brigade S3/AO in August 2017. On September 15, 2017, he assumed command of the 2-185th Aviation Regiment. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in May 2018 and served as the battalion commander until October 2019. During his battalion command, LTC Sullivan was selected by the Chief of Joint Staff and Adjutant General to serve as the AGR Assistant Chief of Joint Staff / Executive Officer, Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard from 7 October 2019 until 01 June 2022. Following this assignment, LTC Sullivan served as Deputy G1, then as the Deputy Director of Military Support (DOMS, J3/5. LTC Sullivan's current assignment is as the Deputy Commander 66th Troop Command, where he continues to serve the Soldiers and Airmen of Mississippi.

LTC Sullivan is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, Aviation Officer Basic Course, UH-60 Aircraft Qualification Course, OH-58D(R) Aircraft Qualification Course, Aviation Captains Career Course, Simulation Operations Course (FA-57), Training Officer Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course (CGSOC), Human Resources Management Qualification Course (42H), National Defense University's Reserve Component National Security Course, Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) Phases I and II, CGSOC Advanced Operations Course (AOC), and the U.S. Army War College's Defense Strategy Course. LTC Sullivan completed the U.S. Army War College's Distance Education Program in 2023, where he received Distinguished Graduate honors and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies.

In addition to these academic achievements, LTC Sullivan is a fully joint-qualified officer with Joint Qualification Level Three certification. LTC Sullivan is qualified in various versions of four airframes and has 653 Combat Flight hours in the Blackhawk and Kiowa Warrior airframes. He is an Eagle Scout and a proud lifetime member of NGAUS and NGAMs, where he served as an Area Director and the association's Secretary.

LTC Sullivan has received numerous awards and decorations to include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Air and Space Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass, "M" device, and Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 2, Mississippi Magnolia Cross, MS Magnolia Medal, MS Medal of Efficiency, MS War Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, MS Service School Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, MS Longevity Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, TN Commendation Medal, TN War Service Ribbon, TN Volunteer Ribbon with Bronze Service Star, Combat Action Badge, Senior Aviator Badge, and Meritorious Unit Commendation.

LTC Sullivan is married to Mrs. Kristin O'Connor Sullivan. They have two sons, Liam and Grayson, and reside in Brandon, Mississippi. LTC Sullivan is the son of Command Chief Master Sergeant (retired) Charles R. Sullivan and Mrs. Dianne Sullivan.





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