March along, sing our song,
We're 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! Hey!

The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong (Two!, Three!);

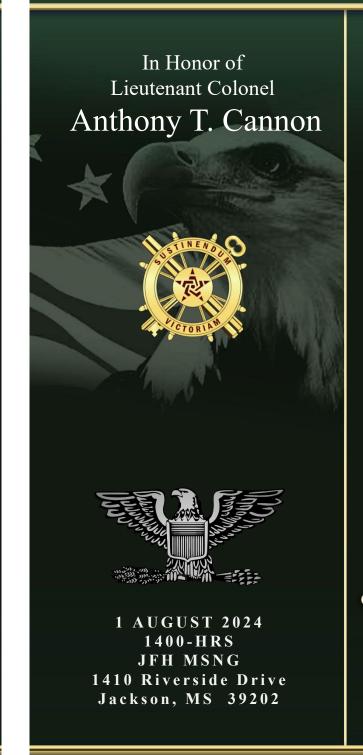
For wherever we go,

You will always know

That the Army goes rolling along.



A warm thank you to all those who worked to make this special day possible.





Brigadier General John C. Nipp

Commander, 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Mississippi Army National Guard

Brig. Gen. John C. Nipp began his military career enlisting in the Kentucky Army National Guard in 1990. After 1 year of enlisted service, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant through the University of Kentucky Army ROTC program. Nipp has completed numerous military educational programs including the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Field Artillery Captains Career Course, Cavalry Leaders Course, Airborne School, Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance) from the University of Kentucky (1992) and Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College (2013). He has deployed in support of combat operations three times; once to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope, and twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal with 1 bronze oak leaf, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 bronze oak leaf, Army Commendation Medal with a 3 bronze oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with a 2 bronze oak leaf cluster, Basic Parachutist Badge, Combat Action Badge, and many other federal and state awards.

However, of these esteemed accomplishments, he believes his greatest reward to this point was the opportunity to Command the great Soldiers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Officers of the 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard and deploy this unit to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009-2010. Nipp's current position in the Mississippi Army National Guard is Commander, 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command headquartered in Monticello, Mississippi.

Nipp is a strategic leader with over 30 years of documented executive, program management, business development, logistics, technical management, and leadership experience with government and commercial organizations. During the past 15 years, he has focused on the design, development, and installation of cyber infrastructure enhancements for the DOD test and evaluation and training communities. In his civilian career Nipp serves as the Director of Cyber Growth Programs for Command Post Technologies based out of Suffolk, Virginia.

He currently resides in Saltillo, Mississippi with his wife Shani and two children, daughter Shelby and stepson Preston.



Lieutenant Colonel Anthony T. Cannon

Assistant Chief of Staff G3, 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Mississippi Army National Guard

Lt. Col. Anthony T. Cannon is a native of Moss Point, Mississippi. He began his military service in 2000 with the Mississippi Army National Guard. He graduated from University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor's of Science – Sports Administration in 2004 and was commissioned into the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps. He also holds a Master's Degree in Logistics, Trade, and Transportation from the University of Southern Mississippi.

His military education includes the Quartermaster Corps Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, Support Operations Course, Human Resource Management Course, Reserve Component Theater Sustainment Course, Command and General Staff School (CGCS), Intermediate Level Education Common Core (ILE), Advanced Operations Course (AOC), Joint Logistics Course and the Logistics Battalion Commanders' Course.

Cannon's assignments include Battalion Distribution Platoon Leader, 106th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), 155th Brigade Combat Team (BCT) in Magee; Executive Officer, 106th BSB, 155th BCT in Q-west, Iraq; Commander, HHC, 155th BCT inTaji, Iraq; Forward Support Commander, 106th BSB, 155th BCT in Grenada; Supply Management Officer, 106th BSB, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) in Monticello; Mobility Officer and Plans Officer, 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Hattiesburg; Support Operations Officer, 106th BSB, 155th ABCT Team in Monticello; Surface Maintenance Manager, Joint Force Headquarters in Jackson; Distribution Integrations Branch Chief, 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Monticello; Battalion Commander, 106th BSB, 155th ABCT in Hattiesburg; and Chief of Staff, 66th Troop Command in Jackson.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with a 3 bronze oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with a 2 bronze oak leaf cluster, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, and many other federal and state awards. Cannon is also the recipient of the Quartermaster Corps Regimental Order of Saint Martin Award.

Cannon and his wife, Laketter, have one Son: Anthony.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

National Anthem

Invocation
MSG Eskria B. Rhodes

Master of Ceremony MAJ Reggie Y. Polk

Host Remarks
BG John C. Nipp

Promotion of LTC Anthony T. Cannon

Oath of Office BG John C. Nipp

Remarks
COL Anthony T. Cannon

Benediction
MSG Eskria B. Rhodes

Army Song

