

## Oath of Office

I (name of commissioned), having been appointed an officer  
in the Army of the United States in the grade Second  
Lieutenant, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support  
and defend the Constitution of the United States against all  
enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and  
allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely,  
without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and  
that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the  
office on which I am about to enter, so help me God.



*The Mississippi Army National Guard  
Officer Candidate School  
Commissioning Ceremony  
Class 67*



*4 August 2024*



# Major General Bobby M. Ginn, Jr.

## The Adjutant General, Mississippi



Major General Bobby M. Ginn, Jr. was appointed Adjutant General of Mississippi by Governor Tate Reeves on August 1, 2024. General Ginn serves as the Commanding General of both the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. He is responsible for providing the state of Mississippi and the United States of America with a ready force of more than 12,000 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen, equipped, and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or manmade.

General Ginn has over 34 years of military service. He began his military career in 1990 as an enlisted Soldier and commissioned in 1993 through Officer Candidate School as a Logistics Officer. He has served in every major subordinate command and commanded at every level in our organization. General Ginn was a vital part of the MSARNG's large-scale response effort to provide support throughout Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. As the Company Commander of the 1387th Quartermaster Company, he deployed with his troops serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007-2008. He served as the Commander of the 2nd Ordnance Training Battalion with follow-on assignments as the S4 for 66th Troop Command. He served as the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Petroleum Officer and the Plans Officer for Detachment 1. Later in 2015 he served as the Distribution Management Division Chief, then as the Surface Maintenance Division Chief.

In 2017 General Ginn was appointed as the Commander of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Camp Shelby, Miss. then as the MSARNG Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics in 2020. On 24 April 2024, he was promoted to Brigadier General and appointed as Director, Joint Staff of the MSNG. General Ginn has served as a dual status federal technician for 28 years.

General Ginn has a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. His military education includes Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Multifunctional Combat Service Support Course, Combined Arms & Services Staff School, and Command & General Staff Officer Course.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters) and numerous other federal and state awards, to include the Tennessee Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal. He is also the recipient of the Ordnance Regimental Order of Samuel Sharpe and the Transportation Regimental Order of Saint Christopher.

General Ginn resides in Tylertown, MS with his wife, Vicki. They have four children: Janie, Jake, Alexis, and Sergeant Bobby Ginn III and multiple grandchildren. His professional memberships include, the National Guard Association of Mississippi Lifetime Member, National Guard Association of the United States Lifetime Member, Non-Commissioned Officers Association of Mississippi Lifetime Member, Army War College Lifetime Member and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3036, among other organizations. When General Ginn isn't working, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends, working on his farm, and is an avid outdoorsman.

Our Citizen Soldiers and Airmen have served with pride since 1798 and are proud to call the Magnolia State home. The Mississippi National Guard provides trained and ready forces to accomplish mission requirements for State, Homeland Defense, and National Security while contributing dedicated service to the communities in which we live, work, and serve.

Department of the Army and Air Force / Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard

~ AS OF 1 August 2024

## Special Thanks

MG Janson D. Boyles, Former Adjutant General

MG Bobby M. Ginn, Jr., Adjutant General

COL Christopher Thomas, 154th RTI Commander

LTC Kevin Grace, 154th RTI Deputy Commander

LTC David Leiva, 154th RTI, 2nd ITB Commander

LTC John Branning, Chaplain

MAJ David Lyon, OCS Company Commander

CPT Ryan Strickland, OCS Company XO

CPT LaTerrence Wilson, Senior TAC Officer

CPT Thomas Cole McDonald, TAC Officer

CPT John Gilliland, TAC Officer

CPT Robert Whitley, TAC Officer

MAJ Jesse Landon Beasley, OSM

1LT Latia Walker, OCS Cadre

CPT (Ret.) Martin Mitchell, Adviser

SFC Brian Russ, OPS NCOIC

SFC Trggve Thompson, OSM NCO

SFC Jason Cooper, OPS NCO

SSG Kasey Richards, OCS Cadre

SGT Darrell Kline, OCS Cadre

41st Army Band

Harrison Central High School JROTC

## The 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.

## Sequence of Events

Graduation Ceremony (1000, Post Theater; Bldg 1490)

Entrance of OCS Class 67

Welcome..... CPT (Ret) Martin L Mitchell

Entrance of the Official Party

Invocation..... LTC John Branning

National Anthem..... 41st Army Band

Introduction of OCS

Company Commander..... CPT (Ret) Martin L. Mitchell

Introduction of

154<sup>th</sup> RTI Commander..... MAJ David Lyon

Introduction of Guest Speaker..... COL Christopher Thomas

Guest Speaker..... MG Bobby M. Ginn, Jr.

Presentation of Awards

Administration of the Oath..... MG Bobby M. Ginn Jr.

Pinning and First Salute Ceremony

Benediction..... LTC John Branning

Army Song

Exit of the Official Party

## OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL

### CAMP SHELBY, MS

The Mississippi Army National Guard Military Academy, now the Officer Candidate School (OCS), was organized by the Adjutant General, State of Mississippi, and accredited by the National Guard Bureau and the Department of the Army on 2 June 1958.

The first director was Major General William P. Wilson, Adjutant General, State of Mississippi.

The Academy was organized in accordance with appropriate National Guard regulations and directives of the Military Department, State of Mississippi, and operates in accordance with these regulations and directives.

All individuals who successfully complete the course of instruction at OCS are qualified for appointment as Second Lieutenants in the Mississippi Army National Guard and the United States Army.

The First OCS Company was enrolled and began training on 10 August 1958 with fifty-two Officer Candidates. Of this number, twenty-six Candidates graduated from the Officer Candidate Company at Camp Shelby, MS.

The OCS Program is organized into the following four phases:

Phase 0 – Introduction of OC Guide, Drill and Ceremony, and Land Navigation

Phase I – Introduction of the Leadership evaluations, Land Navigation, 6-Mile Foot March, and Peer Evaluations

Phase II – Continuation of the Leadership evaluations, 9 and 12-Mile Foot Marches, 4 Mile Run, ACFT, Peer Evaluations

Phase III – Basic Infantry Tactics using the Eight Troop-Leading Procedures and the Five Paragraph Operations Order

The OCS Program transitioned during the mid-1990's to incorporate the regional area (southeastern states) in which Phases I and III would be conducted at Fort McClellan, AL (OCS TRNG CO – 2nd BN/200th REG).

## Officer Candidates of OCS Class 67

Jacob Garrard

Greg Moore

Austin Schepens

Christian Autry\*

Dylan Fraley\*

Christopher Chavez\*\*

Against All Odds!



\*Indicates name of Accelerated OCS Candidate who completed all three phases of OCS at Fort McClellan

\*\*Indicates name of Winter Accelerated OCS candidate who completed all 3 phases of OCS in March, 2024