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Brig. Gen. Edward H. Evans to be named Assistant Adjutant General – Air

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JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi National Guard is hosting a change of command ceremony at Joint Force Headquarters, 1410 Riverside Dr. in Jackson, Sunday, July 14, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Maj. Gen. Barry A. Blanchard, current assistant adjutant general and commander of the Mississippi Air National Guard, will relinquish command to Brig. Gen. Edward H. Evans during the ceremony. The presiding officer is Maj. Gen. Janson D. Boyles, the adjutant general of Mississippi.

The Assistant Adjutant General – Air is responsible for directing Air National Guard operations, formulating, developing, and coordinating all programs, policies, and plans ensuring the mission readiness of the 172d Airlift Wing in Flowood, the 186th Air Refueling Wing in Meridian, and the Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport.

Evans, a Gulfport native, is the current chief of staff for the Mississippi Air National Guard in Jackson. He has more than 4,300 flight hours in the T-37B, T-1A, C-141B/C, C-17A, RC-26B, and KC-135R including more than 725 combat flight hours.

The Mississippi Air National Guard is comprised of approximately 2,600 active and traditional Guardsmen and contributes more than \$194 million annually to the state economy.

MEDIA CREDENTIALING:

Media representatives are invited to attend and must coordinate attendance by submitting **FULL NAME, AFFILIATE, EMAIL, and PHONE NUMBER** to the Public Affairs Officer, Maj. Dusty Culpepper at 601-480-5924 and by email at dustin.culpepper@us.af.mil. Confirmed media must arrive at the security gate, located at 1410 Riverside Dr. in Jackson, no later than **9:30 a.m. July 14th**, to receive media escort.

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The Mississippi National Guard (MSNG) is commanded by the Adjutant General of Mississippi, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Mississippi Army National Guard (MSARNG) and the Mississippi Air National Guard (MSANG). The MSNG consists of approximately 12,500 Soldiers and Airmen that are "Always Ready, Always There" for Mississippi and the Nation. For more information about the Mississippi National Guard visit our website at <https://www.ng.ms.gov>