



**MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD  
COLONEL  
ASHLEY C. SULLIVAN  
CAMP SHELBY JOINT FORCES TRAINING CENTER**

Colonel Ashley Sullivan enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1996 as an Intelligence Analyst and later received his commission through the University of Southern Mississippi Army ROTC program in 2001. After completing flight training at Fort Rucker, Alabama, Sullivan deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) II, followed by a second deployment to Iraq in 2008 as the commander of Alpha Troop, 1-230th Air Cavalry Squadron.

After redeploying, he continued to serve as the Commander of Alpha Troop (OH-58D, Kiowa Warrior) followed by his first 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 and from December 2013 to July 2016, he served as the 1-185th AV XO, S3, and AGR Administrative Officer (AO). In July 2016, he returned to 185th TAB serving as the Brigade S3/ AO until September 2017, after which he assumed command of 2nd Battalion, 185th Aviation Regiment. Promoted to lieutenant colonel in May 2018, he continued serving as the Battalion Commander until October 2019. Sullivan was then selected by the Chief of Joint Staff and Adjutant General to serve as the AGR Assistant Chief of Joint Staff. He later served as Deputy G1 with a follow-on assignment as the Deputy Director of Military Support, both at Joint Force Headquarters.

Sullivan is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice in 2001, and earned a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, graduating with distinguished honors. His military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic Course, several Aircraft Qualification Courses, Command and General Staff Officer Course, Advanced Operations Course, Defense Support to Civil Authorities Joint Force Commander Training Course, the Army Space Cadre Basic Course, the Garrison Pre-Command Course, and Executive Education in Homeland Security at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

In addition to these academic achievements, Sullivan is a fully joint-qualified officer with Joint Qualification Level Three certification. He is qualified in various versions of four airframes and has 653 Combat Flight hours in the Blackhawk and Kiowa Warrior helicopters. He is an Eagle Scout and a proud lifetime member of the National Guard Association of the U.S. and the National Guard Association of Mississippi, where he served as an Area Director, the association's Secretary, and is currently the Vice President/ President elect 2026.

Sullivan has received numerous awards and decorations including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 bronze oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 bronze oak leaf clusters, and the Air and Space Commendation Medal. He is also the recipient of the Army Aviation Association of America's Bronze Order of Saint Michael medallion.