

U.S. 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.*



SCAN TO VIEW
DIGITAL PROGRAM

WELCOME TO THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY

in honor of

MAJOR GENERAL
TRENT KELLY



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STATES

HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MAJOR GENERAL TRENT KELLY

Major General Kelly began his military career in 1985 at the age of 19 when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard. After completion of Basic Combat Training he was assigned to the 134th Engineer Company in Union, MS. MG Kelly was sworn in as a cadet in the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Mississippi and commissioned on May 14, 1988.

MG Kelly is a career engineer officer who has served in various positions of increasing responsibility to include command at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. He has filled various key staff positions in the Mississippi National Guard and is currently serving as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Mississippi Army National Guard at the Joint Force Headquarters.

Throughout his service to our nation, which included two deployments to Iraq, MG Kelly has continuously proved his commitment to bettering the units and nation he serves. In 1990, he mobilized for Desert Storm as an Engineer Second Lieutenant. In 2005, he deployed as a Major to Iraq with the 155th Brigade as the Operations Officer for the 150th Engineer Battalion. From 2009 to 2010, he deployed to Iraq as the Battalion Commander of Task Force Knight of the 155th Brigade Combat Team. In 2012, as a COL, MG Kelly took command of the 168th Engineer Brigade headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

MG Kelly graduated from the Engineer Officers Basic Course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia in 1989. He completed the Armor Advanced Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky in 1992 and the Command and General Staff College course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 2004. In 2010, MG Kelly earned a master's degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. MG Kelly's military awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, Combat Action Badge, and various service, state, and campaign medals.

The Union, Mississippi native is the son of Barbara and John Kelly and a graduate of Union High School. He earned an associate degree from East Central Community College and a bachelor's degree and juris doctor from the University of Mississippi.

In 2015, he was elected by constituents of the First Congressional District of Mississippi to serve in the 114th Congress in the United States House of Representatives.

MG Kelly is married to his wife, Sheila (Stephens) Kelly, of 34 years. They live in Saltillo, Mississippi. Their three children are John Forrest, Morgan, and Jackson. The Kelly family are members of the Saltillo Methodist Church.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

ENTRANCE OF
OFFICIAL PARTY

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

RECOGNITION
OF FAMILY AND
DIGNITARIES

SERVICE HISTORY

HOST'S REMARKS
GEN (Ret.) Daniel Hokanson
29th CNGB

MG Bobby M. Ginn, Jr.
Adjutant General

PRESENTATIONS &
CITATIONS

HONOREE'S REMARKS

SPECIAL MUSIC

BENEDICTION

DEPARTURE OF
OFFICIAL PARTY

RECEPTION