

CHANGE OF COMMAND

MAJOR GENERAL
EDWARD H. EVANS JR.

&

BRIGADIER GENERAL
TOMMY F. TILLMAN JR.



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AUDITORIUM
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY
18 JUNE 2026
2:00 P.M.



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GOVERNOR TATE REEVES

As the 65th Governor of Mississippi, Governor Reeves continues to build on a strong record of leadership, fighting to guard taxpayers' dollars, improve educational opportunity, and grow new careers so that Mississippi's families can thrive.

Since he took office as governor in 2020, Reeves signed legislation that will phase out Mississippi's personal income tax and enable more Mississippi employers to invest in jobs and better compete in the global marketplace. He has also attracted record-breaking private sector investment totaling over \$85 billion and finalized the six largest economic development projects in the state. Additionally, Mississippi achieved an overhauled statewide workforce development strategy, an all-time low unemployment rate multiple times, and the largest teacher pay raise in state history.

A Rankin County native, Governor Reeves is a graduate of Florence High School and an honors graduate of Millsaps College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Governor Reeves and his wife, Elee, are the proud parents of three daughters, Tyler, Emma and Maddie.



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ADJUTANT GENERAL BOBBY M. GINN JR.

Maj. Gen. Bobby M. Ginn, Jr. was appointed Adjutant General of Mississippi by Governor Tate Reeves, Aug. 1, 2024. 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 Nation

with a ready force of more than 12,500 citizen Soldiers and Airmen, equipped, and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or manmade.

Ginn has over 36 years of military service, beginning his military career in 1990 as an enlisted Soldier and commissioned as a Logistics Officer in 1993 through Officer Candidate School. He was a vital part of the MSARNG's large-scale response effort to provide support throughout Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In 2006, he served as the Support Operations Officer for the 106th Support Battalion and later serving as Company Commander of the 1387th Quartermaster Company where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007-2008. Following his overseas assignment, he served as the Maintenance Director at Joint Force Headquarters in 2008 with follow-on assignments as the Commander of the 2nd Ordnance Training Battalion, 154th Regiment Regional Training Institute; 66th Troop Command Logistics Officer; and Plans Officer for the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. Later in 2015, he served as the Future Operations Branch Chief, Distribution Management Division Chief, and the Surface Maintenance Division Chief.

In 2017, Ginn was appointed as the Commander of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center with a follow-on assignment as the MSARNG Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics in 2020. In April 2024, he was promoted to brigadier general and appointed as the Director of Joint Staff for the MSNG. Ginn has served as a dual status federal technician for 30 years.

Ginn is a native of Tylertown, Mississippi, and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the United States Army War College.



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MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD H. EVANS JR.

Maj. Gen. Edward H. Evans, Jr. is the Assistant Adjutant General-Air and Commander of the Mississippi Air National Guard. He is the senior-most airman in the state and responsible for directing all Air National Guard operations, formulating, developing, and coordinating all programs,

policies, and plans ensuring the mission readiness of the 172nd Airlift Wing, 186th Air Refueling Wing, and the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center.

Evans received his commission in 1992 as a graduate of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Mississippi State University. He began his Air Force career as an active-duty civil engineer before transferring to the Mississippi Air National Guard as a pilot candidate. After completing Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training and aircraft training, he returned to the 172nd Airlift Wing to fly the C-141B/C aircraft. He later served as a C-17A Instructor Aircraft Commander and held various positions throughout the Operations and Mission Support Groups including a two-year detail as the Base Civil Engineer. He has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels. Evans has extensive wartime, contingency and aeromedical evacuation operational experience, including more than 725 combat hours supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn. Prior to assuming his current position, Evans served as the Chief of Staff, Mississippi Air National Guard.

His awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air and Space Commendation Medal, Air and Space Achievement Medal, Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and numerous other Federal and State awards.

Evans and his wife, Priscilla, reside in Celina, Texas and have three daughters, Victoria, Lauren and Julia.



BRIGADIER GENERAL TOMMY F. TILLMAN JR.

Brig. Gen. Tommy F. Tillman, Jr. serves as the Chief of Staff, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. He assists the commander and The Adjutant General in formulating, developing, and coordinating all programs, policies, and plans

ensuring the mission readiness of the 172nd Airlift Wing, 186th Air Refueling Wing, and the Combat Readiness Training Center. Additionally, General Tillman serves jointly as the Assistant Adjutant General, Mississippi National Guard.

General Tillman enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard in March 1987. After five years of enlisted service, he commissioned through the Academy of Military Science in July 1992. Brig. Gen. Tillman started his flying career at Reese Air Force Base, Texas and is a command pilot with more than 4,450 total flying hours in the C-141B/C and C-17A aircraft. He has held numerous positions at the squadron, wing, and state level and through his expertise, was selected as Initial Cadre for the 172nd Airlift Wing's transition to the C-17 Globemaster III. Prior to assuming his current position, General Tillman was the A3 Director of Operations for the Mississippi Air National Guard where he executed statewide initiatives in accordance with the Assistant Adjutant General and The Adjutant General's vision to ensure the Mississippi Air National Guard's unity of effort. Concurrently, he also served jointly as the Chief of Joint Staff, Mississippi National Guard.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, among many other federal and state awards.



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THE AIR FORCE SONG

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,

Climbing high into the sun;

Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,

At 'em now, Give 'em the gun! give em the gun!

Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,

Off with one helluva roar!

We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!

Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!



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