

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps
I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps

His day is marching on
Glory, glory, hallelujah
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His truth is marching on

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel
As ye deal with My contemners, so with you My grace shall deal
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with His heel

Since my God is marching on

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat
Oh, be swift, my soul to answer Him, be jubilant, my feet.

Our God is marching on



SCAN TO VIEW
DIGITAL PROGRAM

PROMOTION CEREMONY

in honor of

MASTER SERGEANT
STEVEN E. DAVIS
TO THE RANK OF
SERGEANT MAJOR



NEWTON NATIONAL
GUARD ARMORY
412 NORTHSIDE DR.
NEWTON, MS 39345
TUESDAY
25 AUGUST 2026
10:00 AM



MASTER SERGEANT STEVEN E. DAVIS

Master Sergeant Steven E. Davis enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard on 19 May 1989. A lifelong resident of Newton, Mississippi, he completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Throughout his career, MSG Davis has demonstrated exceptional leadership and operational expertise across multiple domains. He has served in key leadership positions, including Light/Heavy Vehicle Driver (88M), Man Portable Air Defense System (MANPADS) Crew member (16S), Avenger Team Leader (14S), Sentinel Radar Operator (14J), Unit Supply Sergeant, Battalion Supply Sergeant, Brigade Senior Supply Sergeant, and State Senior Property Book Officer (92Y).

His assignments include Service Battery, 4th Battalion, 114th Field Artillery; 1st Battalion, 204th Air Defense Artillery; 185th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade; Joint Forces Headquarters G4; Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, where he served as First Sergeant; and Operations NCO with the Director of Military Support, where he currently provides strategic-level operational oversight. MSG Davis has deployed in support of operations to Washington, D.C.; Crawford, Texas; Sea Island, Georgia; Iraq; and Kuwait. In 2020, he led Soldiers for 10 months on the COVID-19 Task Force at Camp Shelby, delivering mission-critical leadership during a statewide emergency response.

His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, Battle Staff NCO Course, Property Book Accounting Course, Battalion Supply Course, and Technical Transportation of Hazardous Materials (AMMO-62). He is currently enrolled in the Sergeants Major Academy, Class 52, preparing for strategic-level responsibilities as a senior enlisted leader.

MSG Davis's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (2 BLC), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,

Humanitarian Service Medal, and numerous other federal and state awards. Beyond his military service, MSG Davis has contributed extensively to his community. He earned certificates in Basic and Advanced Electricity from East Central Community College, completed over 100 credit hours through the Mississippi State Fire Academy, and served 16 years with the Newton Fire Department. He also holds multiple FEMA certifications in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). He is currently an active member of the American Legion Post #173 of Hickory MS.

MSG Davis and his wife of 32 years, Renee, are active members of First Methodist Protestant Church of Newton, where he serves on the Board of Trustees and as Chairman of the Church Security Team. They have three children: Katherine (deceased), Albany (Matthew) Beasley and Joshua Davis, and one granddaughter, Everleigh Beasley. MSG Davis is widely recognized for his ability to mentor Soldiers, influence leaders, and shape operational readiness across multiple echelons of the Mississippi Army National Guard. His promotion to Sergeant Major represents the culmination of decades of professional development, tactical expertise, and strategic leadership.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC
CPT Sarah Nail

WELCOME
CPT Sarah Nail

**ENTRANCE OF
OFFICIAL PARTY**

INVOCATION
Mr. Billy Martin

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Mr. Billy Martin

**RECOGNITION OF
SPECIAL GUESTS**
MSG Steven Davis

**SUMMARY OF
SERVICE**
CPT Sarah Nail

HOST REMARKS
COL Jeremy Parker

PROMOTION

REMARKS
SGM Steven Davis

BENEDICTION
Mr. Billy Martin

RECEPTION