



Mission, Vision & Values

Mission

To provide trained, ready professionals and units responsive to the needs of the nation, state and community.

Vision

Arkansas National Guard military and civilian professionals, working as a team, building the finest reserve military organization serving our nation, state and community.

Values

Integrity: honesty, candor, ethics, morals and accountability.

Commitment: loyalty, caring, trust and teamwork.

Professionalism: selfless service, empowerment, stewardship and excellence in all we do.

Warrior Spirit: I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen comrade.



Assumption of Command Ceremony



Arkansas National Guard

Saturday, March 3, 2007

Camp Joseph T. Robinson

North Little Rock, Arkansas





Significance of the Assumption of Command Ceremony

The assumption of command ceremony is a tradition which formally restates to the Soldiers and Airmen of the command the continuity of the authority of the commander. The ceremony holds special significance in that it serves as a welcome to the incoming commander. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled members of the command.

The Arkansas National Guard assumption of command is the official ceremony denoting the transfer of command responsibility to the incoming adjutant general. This action is symbolized in the ceremonial passing of the Arkansas National Guard colors.

The colors are first passed from the state command sergeant major, who serves as the adjutant general's senior enlisted advisor, to the governor, who is the commander-in-chief of the Arkansas National Guard.

The governor then passes the colors, along with the responsibility for the Arkansas National Guard mission and the welfare of the members of the Guard, to the incoming adjutant general.



From the incoming commander's hands, the colors are returned to the state command sergeant major, marking the beginning of the new commander's leadership.



James Pomeroy	1877-1881
Sam J. Churchill	1881-1882
James F. Read	1883-1883
L.H. McGill	1883-1884
W.H. Langford	1884-1885
W.B. Hughes	1885-1889
John C. England	1889-1891
A.W. Giles	1891-1891
Kie Oldham	1891-1897
Arthur Neill	1897-1900
Charles Jacobson	1901-1907
Paul Little	1907-1909
BG Benjamin W. Green	1909-1913
BG Lloyd England	1913-1919
BG Joe S. Harris	1919-1921
BG Virgil A. Beeson	1921-1922
BG Heber L. McAlister	1922-1925
BG James R. Wayne	1925-1927
BG Joe S. Harris	1927-1929
BG E.L. Compere	1929-1937
BG Daniel B. Byrd	1937-1941
BG E.L. Compere	1941-1945
BG Herber L. McAlister	1945-1949
BG Earl T. Ricks	1949-1950
BG Heber L. McAlister	1950-1951
BG John B. Morris, Jr.	1951-1953
MG Lucien Abraham	1953-1955
MG Sherman T. Clinger	1955-1966
MG Charles H. Wilson	1967-1970
MG Thomas M. Phillips, Jr.	1971-1973
MG Joseph R. Chappell, Jr.	1973-1975
MG Thomas C. Armstrong	1975-1979
MG James H. Jones	1979-1981
MG Harold L. Gwatney	1981-1983
MG James H. Jones	1983-1984
MG Fred M. Carter	1984-1986
MG James A. Ryan	1986-1993
MG Melvin C. Thrash	1993-1996
MG Don C. Morrow	1996-2006
MG Ronald S. Chastain	2006-2007
MG William D. Wofford	2007 --






Adjutants General of Arkansas

Adjutants General for Arkansas Territory 1819-1836

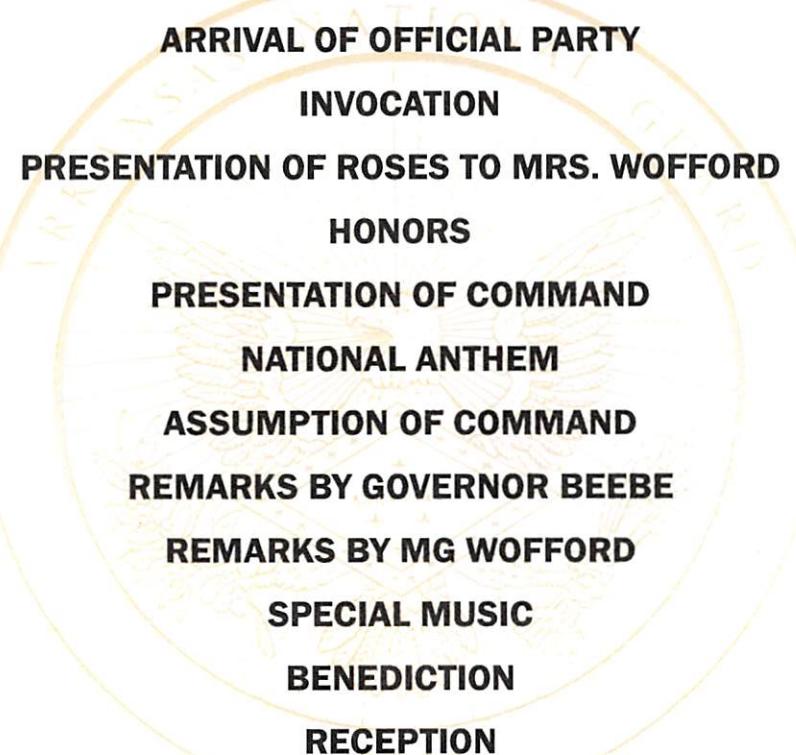
A.P. Spencer	1819-1823
Terrence Farrelly	1823-1825
Benjamin Desha	1826-1828
Wharton Rector, Jr.	1828-1832
Archibald Yell	1832-1833
William Field	1833-1835
Wharton Rector, Jr.	1835-1836
Daniel T. Witter	1836-1836

Adjutants General for the State of Arkansas 1836-2006


John N. Boyle	1836-1843
S.H. Hempstead	1843-1845
Albert Pike	1845-1846
Solon Borland	1846-1848
John S. Roane	1848-1849
Allan Wood	1849-1851
John Hutt	1853-1860
C.A. Henry	1864-1864
F.M. Sams	1864-1864
Albert W. Bishop	1864-1868
Keys Danforth	1868-1873
Frank Strong	1873-1874
M. McCananny	1874-1874
Charles H. Woods	1874-1877



Sequence of Events



FORMATION OF TROOPS
ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY
INVOCATION
PRESENTATION OF ROSES TO MRS. WOFFORD
HONORS
PRESENTATION OF COMMAND
NATIONAL ANTHEM
ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND
REMARKS BY GOVERNOR BEEBE
REMARKS BY MG WOFFORD
SPECIAL MUSIC
BENEDICTION
RECEPTION



*Personnel Participating
in Today's Ceremony*

Governor, State of Arkansas
Commander-in-Chief
Arkansas National Guard
Governor Mike Beebe

Incoming Adjutant General
Major General William D. Wofford

State Command Sergeant Major
Command Sergeant Major Deborah J. Collins

Commander of Troops
Brigadier General Richard E. Swan

Master of Ceremonies
Lieutenant Colonel James H. Treece



Major General William D. Wofford

Major General Wofford was born on August 7, 1949, in Clarksville, Ark. He graduated from Subiaco Academy, in Subiaco, Ark., in 1967, and received a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Arkansas Tech University in 1971.

General Wofford began his military career when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in Field Artillery, upon graduation from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program May 15, 1971. After completing the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, General Wofford served on active duty with the 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st Armored Division until he returned to Arkansas and joined the Arkansas Army National Guard in December 1975.

General Wofford has served in several command positions, including 5th Battalion, 206th Field Artillery and brigade-level command of 87th Troop Command. During Operation Desert Storm, he served as the commander of the 2nd Battalion, 142d Field Artillery. He later served on The Adjutant General's staff as the Plans, Operations and Training Officer, as Chief of Staff for the Arkansas Army National Guard, and as the Deputy Commander, State Area Command, Arkansas Army National Guard. On April 28, 2005, he received federal recognition as a Major General of the Line.

General Wofford has received numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

General Wofford's military education includes: Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the U.S. Army War College.

General Wofford lives in Conway, Ark., with his wife, the former Jan Hutcherson of Russellville. They have 2 children, William and Stephen.

Participating Units Arkansas Army National Guard

Joint Force Headquarters - BG Richard Swan - Commander		Camp Robinson
233rd Regiment (RTI) - COL Stephen A. Womack		
CSM Garlen L. Davis		Camp Robinson
Marksmanship Training Unit - Lt. Col. Michael Clites		
CSM Kenneth Berry		Camp Robinson
Camp Robinson MTC - COL Everett S. Payne / CSM Ulysses J. Thames		
Fort Chaffee MTC - COL Louis J. Landreth / CSM Hershell C. Humble		
39th Brigade Combat Team - COL George M. Ross / CSM Larry R. Doyle		Little Rock
HHC	Little Rock	239th Eng. Co. Clarksville
Det. 1, HHC	Beebe	239th MI Co. Little Rock
HQ Bde. Troops Bn	Conway	212th Signal Co. Pine Bluff
39th Brigade Support Battalion		Hazen
Co. A (-)	Stuttgart	Co. B Heber Springs
Det. 1, Co. A	Pine Bluff	Co. C Lonoke
Det. 2, Co. A	West Helena	
1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery		Russellville
Fwd Spt. Co.	Russellville	Btry B (-) Dardanelle
Btry A. (-)	Morrilton	Det. 1, Btry B. Paris
Det. 1, Btry A.	Perryville	Fire Spt. Elements Little Rock
1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry		Warren
Fwd Spt. Co. (-)		Warren
Det. 1, Fwd Spt. Co.		Monticello
Mounted Recon Troop 1 (-)		Crossett
Det. 1, Mounted Recon Troop 1		El Dorado
Mounted Recon Troop 2		Magnolia
Dismounted Recon Troop (-)		Camden
Det. 1, Dismounted Recon Troop		Fordyce
1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry		Malvern
Fwd. Spt. Co.	Benton	Det. 1, Co. B Hope
Co. A (-)	Arkadelphia	Co. C (-) Mena
Det. 1, Co. A	Prescott	Det. 1, Co. C DeQueen
Co. B (-)	Texarkana	Co. D Sheridan
2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry		Searcy
Det. 1, HHC	Wynne	Det. 1, Co. B Augusta
Fwd. Spt. Co.	Cabot	Co. C (-) Forrest City
Co. A (-)	Walnut Ridge	Det. 1, Co. C Brinkley
Det. 1, Co. A	Rector	Co. D Newport
Co. B (-)	Batesville	



77th Aviation Bde. - COL Joseph E. Cooley / CSM Ira V. Blueford Camp Robinson

1st Bn., 114th Security & Support.		Camp Robinson
HHC		
Det. 1, HHC, 1-185th	Co. A, 1-114th S&S	
Co. C, 1-185th	Co. B, 1-185th	
Det. 1, Co. E, 1-185th	Det. 1, Co. D, 1-185th	

2nd Bn, 114th Aviation		Camp Robinson
Airfield Management Element	Co. D, 114th Air Traffic Serv	
Det. 1, Co. C, 1-111th Air Ambulance	Det. 1, Co. B, 449th AVIM	

87th Troop Cmd. - COL Larry W. Curtis / CSM Jerry W. Calhoun		Camp Robinson
25th Rear Spt. Det.		North Little Rock
224th Maint. Co. (-)		Mountain Home
Det. 1, 224th Maint. Co.		Marshall

871st Troop Command		North Little Rock
119th MPAD	North Little Rock	216th MP Co. (-)
106th Army Band	Camp Robinson	West Memphis
296th Amb Co.	Hot Springs	Det. 1, 216th MP Co.
213th Med. Co.	Dumas	N. Little Rock
		1123rd Trans. Co. (-)
		Camp Robinson
		Det. 1, 1123rd Trans. Co.
		Blytheville

875th Engineer Battalion		Jonesboro
Co. A	Jonesboro	Co. B (-)
Det. 1, Co. B	Harrisburg	Marked Tree
		Paragould
1038th Horiz Constr Co.		North Little Rock

142nd Fires Brigade - COL Jeffrey W. Montgomery / CSM Clarence H. Kelly Fayetteville

HHB	Fayetteville	Btry F	Fayetteville
142nd Network Spt. Signal Co.			Springdale
217th Bde. Spt. Bn.			Booneville
Co. A (-)	Lincoln	Co. B	Rogers
Det. 1, Co. A	Berryville		

1st Battalion, 142nd Fires Brigade		Harrison
HHSB	Harrison	Btry. B
Btry. A	Bentonville	Btry. C
1142nd (-) Forward Spt. Co.		
Det. 1, 1142nd Forward Spt. Co.		
		Harrison

2nd Battalion, 142nd Fires Brigade		Fort Smith
HHSB	Fort Smith	Btry. C
Btry. A	Van Buren	Ozark
Btry. B	Siloam Springs	937th Fwd Spt. Co. (-)
		Fort Chaffee
		Det. 1, 937 Fwd Spt.
		Charleston



Arkansas Air National Guard

HQ Air National Guard	LRAFB
Brig Gen Riley P. Porter - Commander Arkansas Air National Guard	
CCM Normal P. Gilcrest - State Command Chief, Air National Guard	

189th Airlift Wing	LRAFB
Col Travis D. Balch	
CCM Stephen W. Arnold	

188th Fighter Wing	Fort Smith
Col Kevin L. Wear	
CCM Bobby O. Hopkins	

223rd Combat Communications Squadron	Hot Springs
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123rd Intelligence Squadron	LRAFB
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154th Weather Flight	LRAFB
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