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## **Governor Names Brigadier General James H. Lipscomb, III to Lead Mississippi National Guard**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today appointed Brigadier General James H. Lipscomb, III as Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard.

Lipscomb began his military career when he enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 114<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, in 1961, and was commissioned in 1964 through the Officer Candidate School (OCS). He commanded units at every level to include Battery, Battalion, Brigade and Major Subordinate Command. He was promoted to his present rank of Brigadier General on May 15, 1991, and his last assignment was Commanding General of the Troop Command.

General Lipscomb's military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, National Security Management Course and the U.S. Army War College Reserve Component National Security Issues Course.

His decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hour Glass device and the Army Service Ribbon.

Lipscomb has received the following awards from the State of Mississippi: Mississippi Magnolia Cross, Mississippi Magnolia Medal, Mississippi Commendation Medal with one Bronze Leaf Cluster, Mississippi War Medal with one Bronze Leaf Cluster, Mississippi Emergency Service Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Mississippi Service School Medal with one Silver and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Mississippi Longevity Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

“General Lipscomb has had an extensive, impressive military career with the Mississippi National Guard,” said Governor Musgrove. “His military education and experiences coupled with his business background will serve our Guard well as we continue to strengthen and prepare our forces to serve and protect our nation.”

Lipscomb is a past president of the National Guard Association of Mississippi (NGAM), and was a longtime member of the Board of Directors for the NGAM. He is a life member of NGAM and the National Guard Association of the United States.

Adjutant General Lipscomb was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He graduated from Greenwood Mississippi High School in 1961, and from Mississippi State University in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the College of Business and Industry.

Lipscomb is currently President of Lipscomb Oil Company, Inc. and Lipscomb Transports, Inc. of Greenville. He is married to the former Mary Lynn Bowman of Greenwood, and they have five children.

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