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Governor Musgrove Meets with Retired Soldiers of Mississippi National Guard

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove met this morning with retired soldiers from the Mississippi National Guard at Camp Shelby. The retired soldiers were observing annual training exercises being conducted this week.

“I want to thank you for the work you have done to keep us safe, and for the high standard you set for others to follow,” said Musgrove. “Today’s Mississippi National Guard is meeting that standard in the war against terrorism.”

Musgrove said the Guard in Mississippi is stronger than ever before, citing the state’s second place ranking behind Guam in recruiting strength. Under Musgrove’s leadership, the Mississippi National Guard has gained more than 500 new soldiers. The number of soldiers joining the Guard straight out of high school has increased from 62 percent to 82 percent in the last three years.

“Every Mississippian is proud of your service and your commitment to the principles of America,” Musgrove said.

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