

- We are working hard to ensure the security of the people and property of Mississippi.
- We are communicating with Secretary Tom Ridge on a daily basis.
- We have deployed 44 National Guard soldiers around the state, to provide additional security at ports along the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi River, as well as at Grand Gulf Nuclear Facility.
- The first shots have been fired in Iraq, and our prayers need to be with our president, our soldiers and the innocent civilians caught in the conflict.
- Once again, Mississippi's citizen soldiers have answered their nation's call. I'm proud of them, I support their mission, and I look forward to their safe return.