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Jackson resident named Tennessee Air National Guard NCO of the Year

NASHVILLE – Jackson resident, Tech. Sgt. Michael Parson, of the 164th Airlift Wing, was named as the Tennessee Air National Guard NCO of the Year.

Parson, who is currently assigned to the 164th Security Forces Squadron, now moves on to compete with other National Guard, Active Duty and Air Force Reserve winners at the National level for the 12 Air Force recipients of the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Award.

“Parson’s commitment to professionalism and adherence to standards has always set him apart,” said Capt. Eric Mott, 164th SFS Commander. “He is a confident leader, capable of leading a fire team or flight in the most difficult and severe environments while maintaining a clear view of the objective.”

Parson originally joined the U.S. Army in 1992, serving in Panama. In 1999, he enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard and he supported Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Hurricane Katrina. He joined the Tennessee Air National Guard in October of 2005.

He currently serves as a Policeman for the city of Jackson, and has earned his Master’s degree from the University of Memphis.

Previously, Parson was received the Commandants Award and earned the title of Distinguished Graduate of the NCO Academy last year.

Other Tennessee Air National Guard recipients for different categories include the 134th Air Refueling Wing’s Senior Airman Travis Pruett of Knoxville for Airman of the Year; the 164th Airlift Wing’s Senior Master Sgt. Roy Dowdy, Senior NCO of the Year; and the 164th Airlift Wing’s Master Sgt. Matthew Smith, First Sergeant of the Year.

CAPTION:

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