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## **Brigadier General Harry Montgomery Retires from Tennessee Air National Guard**

MEMPHIS, Tenn.- In a ceremony January 10th, 2015, at the 164th Airlift Wing in Memphis, Brigadier General Harry Montgomery, Jr. said farewell to the men and women with whom he served for over 40 years.

After a distinguished career serving in Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville, Brig. Gen. Montgomery retired as the Chief of Staff, Tennessee Air National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Montgomery enlisted in the U.S Navy in June 1974. He served aboard the USS Independence and the USS Eisenhower as a helicopter aircrew member based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Florida.

In 1978 he joined the Tennessee Army National Guard as a helicopter crew chief assigned to the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Brig. Gen. Montgomery graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1981 and enlisted in the 134th Air Refueling Group (AREFG) in Knoxville. He completed the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science and was commissioned in 1982. He was selected to attend Undergraduate Pilot Training and received his wings at Williams Air Force Base, AZ in 1983.

Brig. Gen. Montgomery then served in the 134 AREFG as a KC135 Pilot/Maintenance Quality Assurance Officer. In 1989 he transferred to the 164th Tactical Airlift Group (TAG) where he flew the C-130. In 1992, the 164th converted to the C-141 and became the 164th Airlift Wing. Brig. Gen. Montgomery is a Command Pilot with over 8000 hours of experience.

The Military Department expresses tremendous gratitude for his leadership and selfless dedication to the Airmen and Soldiers of the great state of Tennessee.

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