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## **Lebanon Native Retires after Distinguished Career with the Tennessee Army National Guard**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Colonel William E. "Bamm" Wynns of Lebanon, Tenn. retired from the Tennessee Army National Guard after a distinguished career spanning more than 33 years of military service. Brig. Gen. Tommy Baker, Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Tennessee National Guard, was on hand to conduct the official ceremony that was recently held at the Smyrna Town Centre in the presence of family and friends.

Originally a Lebanon, Tenn. native, Wynns enlisted in the Army National Guard in April 1983 where he served as an enlisted tank crewman until he was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Middle Tennessee State University ROTC program in May 1985.

Over a long and distinguished career, he served in various positions of increasing responsibility, most recently as the Chief of Staff. In this role he presided over the Army National Guard Staff and represented Army capabilities, requirements, policies, and programs in operations for the Joint Force Headquarters. The Chief of Staff reports directly to the Assistant Adjutant General on all Army matters and assists in the external affairs functions including presenting and enforcing Army National Guard initiatives.

Prior to his assignment as Chief of Staff, Wynns served as Commander of the 117th Regiment, Regional Training Institute (RTI) at the Volunteer Training Site in Smyrna. In this capacity he oversaw training for occupational specialties ranging from cavalry scouts, logistics specialists, military police, and officer candidates with an average student load greater than 500 students per year. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from MTSU and is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Wynns deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from April 2007 to April 2008 where he served as the Operations Officer for the Afghan Regional Security Command - East. His awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster and the Bronze Star Medal.

Col. Wynns and his wife Maj. Dianna Wynns have three children: John, Kristen, and Tyler.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Col. William E. "Bamm" Wynns



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