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Mount Vernon resident promoted to brigadier general in Ohio Army National Guard

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Stephen L. Rhoades of Mount Vernon, Ohio, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the Ohio Army National Guard. The official ceremony took place on Monday, July 15, 2019, at the Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler Armory in Columbus, with Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., the Ohio adjutant general, presiding.

Rhoades began his military career as a University of Dayton ROTC cadet, graduating in 1992 with a bachelor's of science in business administration and being recognized as distinguished military graduate. He graduated from the U.S. Army flight school in 1993, and from 1994 to 2000 served on active duty at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he flew AH-64 Apache attack helicopters in the 101st Airborne Division and MH-6 Little Bird helicopters in the 160th Special Aviation Operations Regiment. He became a member of the Ohio Army National Guard in 2001, and deployed to Germany and Kosovo with the 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment from July 2004 to March 2005.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Ohio Distinguished Service Medal, and Ohio Commendation Medal.

Rhoades will take command of the Ohio Army National Guard's Special Troops Command (Provisional) on July 20. The STC is one of six Ohio Army National Guard major subordinate commands, with about 1,000 members, and includes a medical detachment, recruiting and retention battalion, Ohio Army National Guard training installations, regional training institute, public affairs detachment, Army band, and other sections within the Ohio National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.

In his civilian occupation, Rhoades is an environmental health and safety executive for Siemens, with global responsibilities. He and his wife Amy reside in Mount Vernon and have three sons, Levi, Carson, and Wyatt.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For a high-resolution official photo of Brig. Gen. Rhoades, go to <https://ong.ohio.gov/leadership/stc/rhoades/bg-rhoades-2flag.jpg>.

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