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## **Newly promoted Maj. Gen. Stivers pins on second star during ceremony**

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brig. Gen. Steve Stivers, an Upper Arlington, Ohio resident, was promoted to the rank of major general during an intimate promotion ceremony Dec. 11, 2020, at the Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler Armory, home to the Ohio National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters.

Stivers is one of the highest-ranking National Guard members to simultaneously serve as a member of Congress. He has represented Ohio's 15th District in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2011.

"I have always been impressed with Steve Stivers' ability to simultaneously be a leader in our state and a leader in our Ohio National Guard," said Gov. Mike DeWine. "Maj. Gen. Stivers is a role model for our younger generations on multiple levels, and I congratulate him on this well-deserved promotion."

Added Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general: "I can't think of a better leader in a better position than Steve Stivers to help us prepare our Soldiers for what is happening in current events. This generation of National Guard leaders are redefining our National Guard."

Harris said this is an inflection point in U.S. history, contending with a global pandemic, incredible social polarization, civil disturbance, and the challenge of rising competitors in China and Russia.

"Steve Stivers has literally committed his entire adult life to public service," Harris said. "The commitment, resolve, and vision of Stivers as the joint staff director of the Ohio National Guard prepared ONG staff for immediate emergency response as actioned this year," Harris said.

Stivers has served in the Ohio Army National Guard for 35 years. In his role as director of joint staff for the Ohio National Guard, he was responsible for the coordination and integration of Army and Air Force elements, as well as oversight of joint interservice, interagency, multinational, and state cabinet-level coordination for Ohio's role in homeland defense and support to civil authorities.

“I am humbled by the opportunity in front of me,” Stivers said. “This promotion really isn't about me. It's about the incredible Soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and officers — both commissioned and warrant officers — who helped me through more than 30 years of a National Guard career.”

Stivers said that the Ohio National Guard has afforded him the opportunity to fulfill his military interests as well as his civilian aspirations.

“I truly owe much of my civilian success to this professional organization, where results are expected, and teamwork and character are demanded,” Stivers said.

[Stivers](#) began his military career in 1985 when he enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard. He received a commission in 1988 through Officer Candidate School. He has commanded at the company, battalion, and regimental levels while serving in staff assignments at the battalion, brigade, and Joint Force Headquarters levels. In 2004-05, while serving in the Ohio Senate, Stivers was deployed to Iraq, where he served as a battalion commander.

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