



# Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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## Media Advisory

### **Ohio assistant adjutant general for Air to be promoted to major general**

- WHAT:** The Ohio National Guard will host a promotion ceremony for Brig. Gen. David B. Johnson, assistant adjutant general for Air, to the rank of major general.
- WHEN:** 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025.
- WHERE:** Ohio National Guard headquarters, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler Armory, 2825 W. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235
- BACKGROUND:** Johnson has served as the assistant adjutant general for Air since January 2023. He is responsible for directing Air National Guard operations in support of state and federal missions and establishing policy to ensure the readiness of more than 5,000 personnel stationed at four wings and multiple support units throughout Ohio.
- Johnson began his military career in 1986 when he enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard as a jet engine mechanic, completing basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He advanced his career by commissioning through the Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1994, earning distinguished graduate honors. Upon successful graduation of undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, he served as a KC-135 Stratotanker pilot, amassing more than 5,100 flight hours.

Over the course of his career, Johnson has served and led on the homefront in a variety of capacities including commanding at the flight, squadron, group, and wing levels.

His deployments include Operations Decisive Endeavor, Deliberate Guard, Southern Watch, Joint Guard, Phoenix Scorpion III, Noble Eagle, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve, and Resolute Support, while also participating in numerous unnamed operations, humanitarian assignments, and exercises.

Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in 1994 from The Ohio State University and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Columbia Southern University in 2021. He also has completed several high-level military courses including the Air War College, Senior Leader Nuclear Management Course, and National Security Management Course.

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**NEWSROOM NOTES:** A high-resolution portrait photo can be downloaded at <https://ong.ohio.gov/leadership/air-atag/johnson/profile-pic.jpg>.

Media interested in covering the promotion ceremony **must** RSVP and provide credentials no later than 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8. To RSVP or for more information, contact Heidi Griesmer, public information officer, at 614-506-3490 or [heidi.m.griesmer.nfg@army.mil](mailto:heidi.m.griesmer.nfg@army.mil).

Alternatively, a livestream of the promotion ceremony will be shown on the Ohio National Guard Facebook page at <https://business.facebook.com/events/1742229989677699/>.

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