




# *North Dakota National Guard Change of Command*

*Outgoing Commander:  
Major General Alan S. Dohrmann*

*Incoming Commander:  
Brigadier General Mitchell R. Johnson*

*Raymond J. Bohn Armory  
September 15, 2024*



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# *Change of Command Sequence of Events*

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*Entrance of Official Party*

*Presentation of Colors  
Joint Color Guard & 188th Army Band*

*National Anthem  
Warrant Officer 1 Tessa Hogan*

*Invocation  
Chaplain (Captain) Philip Nelson*

*Presentation of Flowers*

*Presiding Officer Remarks  
Governor Doug Burgum*

*Change of Command  
Adjutant General Oath of Office*

*Incoming Adjutant General Remarks  
Brigadier General Mitchell Johnson*

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*Join us for a reception welcoming Brig Gen Johnson  
immediately following the retirement ceremony.*

# *Retirement Ceremony Honoring MG Alan Dohrmann*

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*Last Salute*

*Presentation of Award*

*Reading of Retirement Order*

*Presentation of Retirement Items*

*Presentation of Spouse Certificate*

*Presiding Officer Remarks*

*Governor Doug Burgum*

*Retiree Remarks*

*Major General Alan Dohrmann*

*Flag Presentation*

*Army Song*

*Air Force Song*

*Benediction*

*Chaplain (Major) Justin Fenger*

*Departure of Official Party*



# *Major General Alan Dohrmann Outgoing Adjutant General*

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**Major General Alan S. Dohrmann assumed duties as Adjutant General for the North Dakota National Guard in December 2015. As Adjutant General, General Dohrmann commands more than 4,100 North Dakota Soldiers and Airmen and supervises approximately 1,325 full-time federal and state employees. He also serves as the Director of Emergency Services consisting of two divisions: the Division of Homeland Security and the Division of State Radio Communications.**

**Prior to his current assignment, General Dohrmann served as the Deputy Adjutant General from November 2010 to December 2015. From 2009 to 2010, he was assigned as the Commanding General, Multinational Task Force East, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. General Dohrmann also served as the North Dakota National Guard Land Component Commander and as the North Dakota Army National Guard's Chief of Staff.**

**General Dohrmann was commissioned in 1983 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He served seven years on active duty as a Rifle, Anti-Tank, and Scout Platoon Leader and as Company Executive Officer from 1984 to 1990. Upon his return from active duty, General Dohrmann joined the North Dakota National Guard. He served in a variety of command and staff positions in both the engineer branch and Judge Advocate General Corps. General Dohrmann has served in two overseas deployments.**

# *Brigadier General Mitchell Johnson*

## *Incoming Adjutant General*

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**Brigadier General Mitchell R. Johnson assumed duties as the North Dakota National Guard Chief of Staff-Air in April 2024. He serves as an advisor to the Adjutant General on strategic planning, programs and policy, and oversees Air National Guard Staff assigned to Joint Force Headquarters. General Johnson represents the North Dakota Air National Guard at the national level on committees and provides liaison on National Guard Bureau policy issues as requested by the Adjutant General.**

**Prior to his current assignment, General Johnson served as 119th Wing Commander from March 2021 to January 2024 and as the Deputy Wing Commander from 2018-2021.**

**General Johnson was commissioned in May 1997 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Michigan Tech. He was selected for an Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institution Program and earned his master's degree in 1998. From 1997 to 2009, during his 12 years on active duty, General Johnson served in multiple flying assignments for Air Mobility Command, Air Education Command, and Air Force Special Operations Command. He has also commanded at the group and squadron level, and flown tactical airlift, special operations attack and remotely piloted aircraft worldwide. He has more than 5,500 flight hours, including more than 1,100 combat hours. General Johnson has served in six overseas deployments.**

# *THE ARMY SONG*

*"The Army Goes Rolling Along"*

*March along, sing our song,  
with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true,  
who have fought to victory.  
We're the Army and proud of our name!  
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:*

*First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And the Army goes rolling along.  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Then it's hi! hi! hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong;  
For where'er we go,  
You will always know  
That the Army goes rolling along.*



## *THE AIR FORCE SONG*

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,  
Climbing high into the sun;*

*Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,  
At 'em now, give 'em the gun!*

*Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,  
Off with one helluva roar!*

*We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!  
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*

# *History of the North Dakota National Guard*



## *ND Army National Guard*



**The first unit of what became the North Dakota Army National Guard was organized in Bismarck in 1883. The 1st North Dakota Infantry Regiment, later renamed the 164th Infantry Regiment, served in the Spanish American War/ Philippine Insurrection, where nine Soldiers earned the Medal of Honor; World War I; World War II, with the distinction of being the first US Army unit to offensively engage the enemy; and the Korean Conflict. The infantry structure was converted to engineer battalions in 1955, later adding quartermaster, military police, aviation, medical, and air defense units that have been mobilized for the Berlin Crisis, Desert Storm, Kosovo Peacekeeping, and the Global War on Terror, as well as service on the southwest border and national capitol region.**



## *ND Air National Guard*



**The 119th Wing, North Dakota Air National Guard, known as the "Happy Hooligans", was federally recognized in Fargo in 1947. The unit was initially focused on air defense, flying fighter aircraft and serving on alert status for the defense of the US northern border for 50 years. Their F-16's responded to the attack on the Pentagon on 9-11-2001. In 2007, the Hooligans took on new 24/7 operational missions, including an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission as well as flying the MQ-9 Reaper, a state-of-the-art remotely piloted aircraft capable of precision attack and reconnaissance. The 219th Security Forces Squadron, activated in 2007, specializes in protecting nuclear missile sites around Minot Air Force Base.**