



Texas Military Forces News "Texas Strong! Texas Proud!"

MEDIA ADVISORY

Inquiries may be directed to the Texas Military Forces Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620 or email at ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Full resolution pictures can be downloaded from our Flickr site at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/texasmilitaryforces/sets/72157643657773595/>.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

University of Texas Graduate Promoted to Air Guard Major General

CAMP MABRY, Texas (April 8, 2014) – The Adjutant General of Texas, Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols, is pleased to announce the promotion of Air Guard Brig. Gen. Kenneth W. Wisian, Deputy Adjutant General-Air and Commander of the Texas Air National Guard, to the rank of Major General in the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG).

In a ceremony at the state Capitol April 4, 2014, Maj. Gen. Wisian thanked the command group, his friends and family for their continued support over the years and their trust to allow him to serve and lead more than 3,000 Airmen.

"I am excited to be able to carry the banner for Texas and the National Guard," Wisian said. "The citizen-soldier is an unheralded bedrock of our republic and exemplifies the best of American democratic values."

Wisian was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force in 1982, through the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC) program at The University of Texas and transferred into the Texas Air National Guard in 1994 after leaving active duty to pursue his PhD in Geophysics.

He has held several significant duty positions within the TXANG, including serving as the Chief Navigator and Assistant Operations Officer of the 181st Airlift Squadron and the Operations Officer and Commander of the 136th Operations Support Flight before being named Commander of the 136th Operations Group and Vice Air Commander of the 136th Airlift Wing. In 2009, he took command of the 147th Reconnaissance Wing in Houston Texas, which flies the MQ-1B Predator, and the RC-26B.

On July 29, 2011 Brigadier General Wisian was appointed by the Governor as the Deputy Adjutant General-Air. He is a Master Navigator with over 3,800 hours, primarily in the RC-26B, B-52G, C-130H, MC-130H, AC-130U, and served combat tours in the Balkans, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

-30-

The mission of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Forces are commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

For more information about the Texas Military Forces visit our Website at www.txmf.us.

Texas Military Forces Public Affairs
P.O. Box 5218, Building 10
Camp Mabry (Austin), Texas 78703

Phone: 512-782-5620
E-Mail: ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil
Web: www.txmf.us