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Texas Guardsman To Lead National Guard Bureau

AUSTIN, Texas (June 30, 2016) – Texas Guardsman Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel was confirmed by the U.S. Senate, June 29, 2016, as the 28th chief of the National Guard Bureau and will serve as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Gov. Greg Abbott nominated Lt. Gen. Lengyel based on his expertise, consummate experience and dedicated service to Texas and the United States of America.

"General Lengyel's outstanding service at both the state and national levels has prepared him for this important role on our nation's most critical body of military leaders," said Governor Abbott. "Having defended our nation both at home and abroad, General Lengyel brings a wealth of experience to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I was proud to nominate Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel for assignment as Chief of the National Guard Bureau and am confident he will continue to serve our nation with honor and distinction."

Joseph L. Lengyel has strong ties to the Lone Star State. In 1981, Lengyel was commissioned in through the ROTC program at the University of North Texas. He has served in various operational and staff assignments, primarily as an F-16 Instructor Pilot and Weapons Officer. Lengyel is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours primarily in the F-16 with tours in Air Combat Command, Pacific Air Forces, United States Air Forces in Europe and the Texas Air National Guard. Additionally, he has served as the vice wing commander for the 149th Fighter Wing based out of Joint Base San Antonio- Lackland. Since 2012 he has served as the Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau.

"Although we are proud of our heritage and our past, I am more excited about our future," said Lengyel. "The development of our most important assets, our people, will be our foremost task."

The Chief of the National Guard Bureau is one of the Joint Chiefs of Staff serving as a key military advisor to the President, Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council, as well

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as is the Department of Defense's official channel of communication to the Governors and State Adjutants General on all matters pertaining to the National Guard. Lengyel is responsible for ensuring that nearly 470,000 Army and Air National Guard personnel are accessible, capable and ready to protect the homeland and to provide combat resources to the Army and Air Force.

The Chief of the National Guard Bureau is a four-year term of office at the pleasure of the President. By statute, Lengyel will be promoted to the rank of general and serve as a reserve officer on active duty. His promotion is expected to occur later this summer.

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