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### FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

## Texas Air National Guard promotes Brigadier General Thomas Suelzer

**AUSTIN, Texas (Jan. 26, 2021)** – On behalf of Gov. Greg Abbott, the Adjutant General of Texas, Maj. Gen. Tracy R. Norris, is pleased to announce the promotion of Texas Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Suelzer, Deputy Adjutant General-Air, to the rank of major general.

Suelzer's promotion to major general took place in a ceremony held Jan. 23, 2021, at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth. During his remarks he thanked the command group, as well as his friends and family for their continued support over the years. Suelzer's wife and daughter pinned on the new rank while Maj. Gen. Norris administered the oath of office.

"I count this an honor and a privilege to serve with the courageous men and women in the Texas Military Department, those that the state of Texas and our nation turn to, time and time again," Suelzer said. "To my family you all hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for your unwavering support."

Suelzer joined the Texas Air National Guard in 2007. He served as Chief of Staff for two joint-missioned Texas National Guard brigades, the 71st Troop Command and the 136th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, as well as the Director of Operations, Headquarters, Texas Air National Guard. Suelzer also served as the Commander of the 136th Airlift Wing in Fort Worth, Texas.

Suelzer is from Keller, Texas and is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He is a Command Pilot who has flown the T-37, T-38, C-130, and C-5 aircraft and has over 8,000 civilian and military flying hours combined. During his 10 year active duty service and seven years in the Air Force Reserve, Suelzer served in various operational and staff assignments to include Presidential Airlift Mission Planner, Flight Commander, Operations Group Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, and Deputy Liaison Director for the United States Air Force

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Academy. During his tenure as a traditional Air National Guardsman, Suelzer was employed as a Pilot for American Airlines.

Suelzer's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal; Aerial Achievement Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal Medal; and Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal.

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