

MEDIA ADVISORY

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First African-American Female Reaches Colonel within the Arkansas National Guard

~Arkansas National Guard promotes Lieutenant Colonel Erica L. Ingram to Colonel

WHO: Arkansas National Guard Lieutenant Colonel (promotable) Erica L. Ingram

WHAT: Will be promoted to Colonel

WHEN: At 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2018.

MEDIA MUST RSVP NO LATER THAN 3 P.M. WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2018 AND ARRIVE AT THE MAIN GATE OF CAMP ROBINSON MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER NO LATER THAN 1:00 P.M., THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2018 FOR AN ESCORT TO THE EVENT.

WHERE: The ceremony will be held at the Professional Education Center (P.E.C.) at Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center, in North Little Rock. Media interviews will be available with Ingram before the ceremony at 1:15 p.m., the event begins promptly at 2 p.m.

WHY: The Arkansas National Guard is proud to announce the promotion of Army Lieutenant Colonel Erica L. Ingram to Colonel, the first female African-American Colonel in the Arkansas National Guard.

Ingram received her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army on August 15, 1995. While serving on Active Duty she was assigned as the Warrior Brigade Assistant Personnel Officer, 5th Personnel Services Battalion Operations/Training Officer and Headquarters Detachment Commander; Amarillo Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) Test Control Officer and Operations Officer. After serving four and a half years on active duty, she joined the Arkansas Army National Guard November 11, 1999.

Lieutenant Colonel Ingram currently serves as ARARNG Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel (G-1).

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Arkansas Emergency Service Ribbon, and Arkansas Service Ribbon.

She is a life member of the National Guard Association of Arkansas (NGAA) and the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and former NGAA President. She is also a Greater Leadership of Little Rock program alumnus. In addition she currently serves as a "Big Sister" within the Big Brother/Big Sister of Central Arkansas program.

Previously the Arkansas National Guard has promoted one Hispanic female, Col. Tina Lipscomb, and one Native American female, Col. Mary Gardner, to the rank of Colonel, both are in the Air National Guard.