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Indiana National Guard names new intelligence director

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Courtney P. Carr, is pleased to announce the selection of Col. Brent L. Richards as the director of intelligence for the Indiana National Guard effective Feb. 1, 2016.

As the director of intelligence he will be advising the adjutant general staff on all intelligence related matters to include threat information, situational awareness, intelligence policy, intelligence functional areas, joint intelligence policy programs and special security office operations. He will also manage the personnel, information and physical security programs, as well as exercises policy and oversight for all communications security programs.

"I am honored to be chosen by Maj. Gen. Carr to assume the role as director of intelligence for the Indiana National Guard," said Richards, "As the incoming director I look forward to serving the intelligence personnel of the state, expand the intelligence outreach and develop new intelligence based initiatives to capitalize on our great Intelligence Center."

Richards, a native of South Bend, Indiana, has a 22-year military career, serving the last 16 in the Indiana National Guard. He was commissioned as a distinguished graduate from the Indiana University ROTC program in 1992. He began his career as an infantry platoon leader and executive officer with the 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment "Rakkasans" of 101st Airborne Division.

Throughout his military career, Richards has held various positions including company commander, intelligence officer, battalion commander, deputy operations officer and most recently as the 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade executive officer. Richards has had two combat deployments to Afghanistan in 2004 with the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and in 2009 with Task Force Cyclone. Richards earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Richards currently serves as the director of strategic initiatives.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve with the professional airmen, soldiers, and civilians of the strategic plans directorate. They exemplify the innovative spirit of our organization," said Richards. "The team was always ready to respond to the needs of the organization, as evidenced by having a record year of international program engagements."