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Media Advisory: GOVERNOR KITZHABER ANNOUNCES BRIGADIER GENERAL DANIEL HOKANSON TO LEAD THE OREGON NATIONAL GUARD

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Governor Kitzhaber today announced the appointment of Brigadier General Daniel R. Hokanson, former Keizer, Ore. resident, to succeed Major General Raymond F. Rees as the Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard. He will transition to the position in the summer of 2013.

General Hokanson graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1986 and served on active duty in Air Cavalry, Attack Helicopter and Aircraft Test organizations prior to joining the Oregon National Guard. He has commanded at company, battalion and brigade combat team levels, as well as an Army Aviation Support Facility. General Hokanson commanded the 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Iraq and served as Chief of Staff for Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix in Afghanistan.

Hokanson founded the National Guard's first Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic and the Military Air Rescue Team program where he commanded approximately 100 air rescue and fire-fighting missions throughout the Pacific Northwest.

"I'm pleased that General Hokanson has agreed to lead the Oregon National Guard," said Governor Kitzhaber. "He brings a keen understanding of the Guard's dual mission to respond to emergencies here at home and serve the nation when called to active duty. I thank General Rees for his longstanding leadership of the Oregon National Guard and know that General Hokanson will continue to be a strong advocate for our Guardsmen and their families."

Currently, General Hokanson serves as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5) at the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. He holds graduate degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and the United States Naval War College, and is a graduate of fellowship programs at Harvard University and National Defense University.

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Col. Dan Hokanson, now brigadier general and director of strategic plans and policy for the National Guard Bureau, pauses for a photo at Camp Adder in Iraq where he was commander of the 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon National Guard, during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2010. Hokanson led more than 3,000 Soldiers, and the brigade received a Meritorious Unit Citation for their performance during the deployment. Hokanson will succeed Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees as the Adjutant General, Oregon, in the summer of 2013.