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**OFFUTT-BASED NEBRASKA AIRMAN
INSTALLED AS NEBRASKA AIR GUARD's 7th
STATE COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – More than 100 Airmen, Soldiers, family and friends attended a Dec. 2 ceremony to see Chief Master Sgt. Tyrone Bingham assume responsibility as the Nebraska National Guard's seventh senior enlisted leader while bidding farewell to outgoing Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Lierz.

As the Nebraska Air National Guard's new state command chief master sergeant, Bingham will now be responsible for the welfare, readiness, morale, development and care for Nebraska Air National Guard enlisted personnel based in Lincoln or at Offutt Air Force Base. Prior to his current position, Bingham served as the enlisted superintendent of the Nebraska Air National Guard's 170th Group, which is based at Offutt Air Force Base and supports the active Air Force's 55th Wing.

"Chief Bingham, you are the right person at the right time for this job," said Maj. Gen. Daryl L. Bohac, Nebraska adjutant general. "We are excited to get you onboard here to serve as the state command chief of the Nebraska National Guard and we look for great things from you," Bohac said.

Bingham brings more than 22 years of experience to the position including time spent on active duty, with the Missouri Air National Guard and the last 12 years with the Nebraska Air National Guard. In 2009, Bingham was selected as one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year by Air Force officials based on his superior leadership and job performance; significant self-improvement and personal achievements; and base and community involvement. The 12 are selected from more than 400,000 Total Force enlisted Airmen with the chief master sergeant of the Air Force, a general officer and selected major command chiefs forming the selection board.

"I am humbled that you put your trust and confidence in me to help lead the men and women of the Nebraska National Guard, which I believe is, the best Guard organization in the nation," Bingham said.

After the change of responsibility ceremony, General Bohac officiated the retirement of Lierz, who spent more than 33 years serving in uniform.

“You have served with distinction, honor and integrity,” Bohac said. “I am grateful for your service and your commitment to men and women of the Nebraska National Guard.”

Lierz entered the Air Force in April 1984 after enlisting into the Nebraska Air National Guard’s Lincoln-based 155th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. During the course of his career, Lierz served in numerous capacities, primarily within the Nebraska Air National Guard’s 155th Air Refueling Wing, culminating in his assignment as the sixth Nebraska Air National Guard state command chief master sergeant in August 2016. Prior to that assignment, he served as the 155th ARW’s command sergeant master sergeant.

Lierz is a veteran of numerous deployments in support of such global missions as operations Decisive Endeavor, Northern Watch, Deny Flight, Joint Forge, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Lierz also competed on the Nebraska National Guard Marksmanship Team and for the United States All Guard Marksmanship Team from 1989 to 2014.

Lierz said he was touched by the show of support he received throughout his military career. “It has been an honor to serve as your state command chief and I appreciate the sacrifices you all make and know you’ll continue to serve with honor,” Lierz said.

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(Photos available upon request)