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### **Lifelong Ashland City Resident Retires After 30 Years of State Service**

After serving the state of Tennessee for more than three decades, Ashland City resident Amy Roach is retiring from the Tennessee Military Department.

For more than 30 years, Roach served as the Executive Assistant for Tennessee’s Adjutant General who is the Commissioner for the Tennessee Military Department. The department is responsible for the Tennessee Army National Guard, Tennessee Air National Guard, Tennessee State Guard, and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

“Amy has been a staple of the Adjutant General's office and has devoted her life and career to our organization,” said Maj. Gen. Jeff Holmes, Tennessee’s 76th Adjutant General. “She has been the bedrock of our office and is truly an irreplaceable member of our team.”

After Roach graduated from Cheatham County Central High School in 1989, she decided to enlist in the Tennessee National Guard as an administrative specialist. By 1991, she completed basic training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, before being assigned to the 194th Engineer Brigade in Nashville.

Her talent and skill were quickly noticed by Maj. Gen. Jerry Wyatt, the 71st Adjutant General for Tennessee, and he hired her as a state employee to be his executive assistant in 1992.

For the next 30 years, Roach was a staple in the Adjutant General's Office. She worked uninterrupted as the executive assistant for the next six Adjutants General.

“She has been a key member of our organization and supported us through some of our most challenging times,” said Holmes.

Roach aided with the deployment of over 30,000 Soldiers and Airmen for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as supported the National Guard through countless natural disasters and emergencies. On September 11, 2001, she was one of the first to hear the news of the attacks in New York and was a key member of Tennessee’s initial response.

“Amy has been a key member of our team and has sacrificed greatly for our organization, which is a debt that will never be repaid,” said Holmes. “It is team members like her who are the backbone of this organization and allow us to keep serving our state and doing what we do.”

On Oct. 12, Roach transitioned from Tennessee’s Adjutant General's Office to the Tennessee Military Department’s State Administration Office where she will finalize her retirement and transition to a new career outside government.

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Ashland City resident Amy Roach retires from the state of Tennessee after more than 30 years of service with the Tennessee Military Department. (photo by retired Sgt. 1st Class William Jones)



Ashland City resident Amy Roach retires from the state of Tennessee after more than 30 years of service with the Tennessee Military Department. Roach, a former member of the Tennessee National Guard, is promoted to Private 1st Class at Nashville's Tennessee National Guard headquarters in 1992. (submitted photo)

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