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SD Guard promotes Croymans to brigadier general

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RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard promoted Thomas Croymans, of Aberdeen, to the rank of brigadier general during a ceremony at Joint Force Headquarters on Camp Rapid, Dec 5.

Croymans serves as the director of the joint staff and oversees joint strategic planning and training to enhance the readiness of the Army and Air Guard.

“To achieve the rank of brigadier general is truly an honor,” said Croymans during the ceremony. “This is a great accomplishment and I’m thankful for all of those who have helped me throughout the years.”

Guest speaker Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general for the SDNG, expressed his confidence in Croymans to maintain the relationships and readiness for South Dakota.

“People get promoted for their potential, not their performance. You get paid for your performance – you get promoted for the potential that we see in you,” said Reisch.

Reisch recognized Croymans’ 14 years of enlisted experience as a strength in his leadership knowledge and abilities.

“Tom is unique that he spent time as an enlisted Soldier and it shows,” said Reisch. “Enlisted time gives you an opportunity to walk in the boots of those you are leading. He’s worked his way up and performed extremely well at every level.”

A few of the leadership responsibilities Croymans has held throughout his career include commander of the 1742nd Transportation Company, 88th Troop Command, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, 109th Regional Support Group, and chief of staff for the SDARNG.

Croymans spoke of his priorities and goals in his new role as brigadier general.

“With this rank comes high expectations and increased responsibilities,” said Croymans. “I am looking forward to the opportunity to effect change and contribute to the success of this organization. I want to ensure the organization maintains a high level of readiness and make sure our Soldiers and Airmen are resourced with the best equipment and leadership we can provide.”

In his civilian career, Croymans is the regional roads engineer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region.

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151205-Z-ZZ999-045: U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Croymans addresses the audience during his promotion ceremony at the South Dakota National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters in Rapid City, S.D., Dec. 5, 2015. Croymans serves as the director of the joint staff where he oversees joint strategic planning and training to enhance the readiness of the Army and Air Guard. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski)



151205-Z-ZZ999-088: U.S. Army Sgt. Kristen Croymans, right, and Cadet Jesse Croymans unfurl the ceremonial flag for newly promoted Brig. Gen. Thomas Croymans' at the South Dakota National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters in Rapid City, S.D., Dec. 5, 2015. Croymans serves as the director of the joint staff where he oversees joint strategic planning and training to enhance the readiness of the Army and Air Guard. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski)



151205-Z-ZZ999-275: U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Croymans' wife, Vicki, left, and daughter, Jenna, pin his new rank during a promotion ceremony at the South Dakota National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters in Rapid City, S.D., Dec. 5, 2015. Croymans serves as the director of the joint staff where he oversees joint strategic planning and training to enhance the readiness of the Army and Air Guard. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Pvt. Joshua Quandt)

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