

Sullivan appointed Vice Chief of NGB



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Maj. Gen. Paul Sullivan, the National Guard Bureau's new vice chief.

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ARLINGTON, Va. - An Ohio Air National Guard general, who has made his mark in cockpits and at computers, has been named the sixth vice chief of the National Guard Bureau. Maj. Gen. Paul Sullivan assumed that position on Nov. 15.

Legislation is pending that would change the statutory duty title to director of the Joint Staff for the National Guard Bureau. Until then, Sullivan will fulfill his requirements as the vice chief and also his new duties and responsibilities that support the

bureau's transformation. His working title will be director of the Joint Staff.

He will work for Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, who this year has transformed the organization into a joint headquarters similar to this country's other major military commands.

Sullivan will oversee the evolution of that transformation.

Sullivan has stepped into the vice chief's position formerly held by Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees.

Rees, who served as vice chief two times, left that job last May to become chief of staff for U.S. Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sullivan is a command pilot, who has logged more than 3,000 flying hours in five types of aircraft, including F-100, A-7, and F-16 jet fighters. He also owned and operated a computer software design company in Ohio for more than 20 years before becoming the Buckeye State's full-time assistant adjutant general for Air in April 1999. He received a degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from the University of Illinois-Champaign in 1969. Sullivan is not new to the Guard Bureau or to joint operations. He has twice served here as acting deputy director for the Air National Guard.

Chaplain's Corner

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A true mark of being a man or woman of God is being a person who feels grateful for the gifts with which God has blessed us.

In our modern society we encounter persons who always seem to postpone happiness -- who tend to feel "I will be happy -- when I have enough money -- when I have a better job -- when I have my health back -- etc.

The problem with postponing happiness is that we can develop into unfulfilled and frustrated persons. On the other hand, a person of God tends to feel blessed in spite of the difficulties of the day. It is as if they tend to be tuned in to this special relationship that God has with them. Such a person radiates a certain peace and confidence in spite of surrounding difficulty. They tend to be persons of blessing, who bring peace and harmony to those around them.

Jesus of Nazareth, throughout the Gospels, is a man who enters into the suffering of his world and brings peace. He never raised his hand except to heal. He could look beyond the sins and hurts of persons and call forth their hidden dignity -- perhaps a dignity they did not see in themselves. A Roman soldier, a leper, or a woman of bad reputation became My Brother, My Sister, who needs to be healed, to be celebrated and to be loved into reality. In his teaching and example, Jesus showed us a new way to see ourselves and a new way to live.

As we enjoyed our American holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas perhaps we can slow down and celebrate what we do have to begin with celebrating our families and those we really care about and then to relax in the blessing of God.

