

**Governor Ronnie Musgrove Article for Special Edition of Clarion Ledger regarding the arrival of the C-17's**

As Commander-in-chief of the Mississippi National Guard, it is an honor to have one of our units selected to receive the crown jewel of the United States Air Force, the C-17 Globemaster III. The 172<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing is the only National Guard unit in the nation to receive this honor.

The Mississippi National Guard has shown once again that when America needs the best, the call is made to Mississippi. Whether it is helping with clean-up from a natural disaster, providing security at Mississippi's airports following the terrorist attacks on our country or serving in the global war on terrorism, the Guard has been ready and has served with distinction and professionalism.

Our National Guard is one of the best, if not the best, in the nation and the members prove it day in and day out. This is evident by the arrival of the most advanced military airlift airplane in the world to the State of Mississippi.

On behalf of the people of Mississippi, congratulations to Colonel Mike Brock and members of the 172<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing; Adjutant General James H. Lipscomb; Major General Harold Cross, Air Commander, Mississippi Air National Guard; and the entire leadership team of the Mississippi National Guard.