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Senator Jason Crowell Successfully Sponsors Adjutant General Nominee

Colonel King E. Sidwell to Head Missouri National Guard

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced unanimous senate confirmation of King Sidwell, the gubernatorial appointee Crowell sponsored to head the Missouri National Guard.

Members of the Missouri National Guard’s air and army divisions respond to emergencies, disasters and policing assignments throughout the state, and are also called up for federal service in other parts of the nation and other parts of the world, such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

“It was a pleasure supporting Colonel Sidwell in the appointment process and I look forward to working with him as adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard,” Crowell said. “He brings unsurpassed experience, dedication and leadership to a military organization largely responsible for our safety at home and abroad.”

Sidwell retired from the Missouri National Guard in 2004 after 30 years of commissioned service. Now with the guard’s retired reserve, Sidwell is also a member of a Sikeston law firm, where he has practiced for more than 25 years. Prior to earning his law degree, Sidwell earned a bachelor’s degree in engineering. In 2000 Sidwell earned a master’s degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War College.

The heads of many state agencies and organizations are appointed by the governor. Gubernatorial appointees then work with their state senator, who serves as a sponsor in the confirmation process, which begins before the Senate’s Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

Crowell presented Colonel Sidwell to the Senate panel today, Jan. 26, receiving unanimous committee approval. The full Senate confirmed Sidwell's appointment without a single objection today, Jan. 27.

"The senate has now affirmed the governor's firm belief that the state and the nation will benefit by having King onboard as head of the Missouri National Guard," Crowell said. "At a time when many begin thinking of closing out their careers in the public and private sector, King gladly offered further service to his country – we owe Colonel Sidwell and all our men and women of the Armed Services a debt of gratitude we'll never be able to fully repay."

Senator Jason Crowell represents the people of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties in the Missouri Senate and can be reached at (573) 751-2459.



An electronic copy (“jpeg” format) of this photo showing King Sidwell (l) with Senator Jason Crowell (r) can be obtained by calling Senator Crowell’s capitol office at: (573) 751-2459.