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**AIR NATIONAL GUARD DIRECTOR
TO BE FEATURED SPEAKER TOMORROW
AT ANNUAL NATIONAL GUARD
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE LUNCHEON**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LINCOLN, Neb. – Lieutenant General Daniel James III, the director of the Air National Guard, will be the featured speaker for the Nebraska Military Department's annual African-American Heritage Month Luncheon, to be held tomorrow, Feb. 15, at the Spirit of 1776 Armory in Lincoln.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11-12:30 p.m. The Spirit of 1776 Armory is located at 1776 North 10th Street in Lincoln, Neb.

As director of the Air National Guard, James is responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, plans and programs that affect more than 104,000 Air National Guard members throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

James earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of the University of Arizona's ROTC program in 1968. The general is a command pilot with approximately 4,000 hours in fighter and trainer aircraft. A combat veteran with two Distinguished Flying Crosses, James completed two active-duty tours in Southeast Asia, logging 500 combat hours as a forward air controller and F-4 Phantom aircraft commander.

Prior to becoming ANG Director, James was the Adjutant General for Texas National Guard headquarters.

According to Military Department officials, James is expected to share his insights on diversity during his speech tomorrow.

Due to space constraints, the luncheon is not open to the public.

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NOTE: The media is invited to cover tomorrow's luncheon. Public Affairs officials will be on hand to assist.