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DoD Supports 58th Presidential Inauguration

“Joint Task Force-National Capital Region designated as lead military support”

WASHINGTON – The Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region announces its designation as Joint Task Force-National Capital Region appointed to support the 58th Presidential Inauguration, Sept. 22.

As a joint component, the task force is comprised of service members from all branches of the United States Armed Forces, to include Reserve and National Guard components, responsible for military support to ceremonies and Defense Support of Civil Authorities for the inaugural period, Jan. 15–24, 2017.

“It’s an honor to serve as the JTF-NCR Commander during the 58th Presidential Inauguration,” said Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker, commander, Joint Task Force-National Capital Region. “It is a privilege to lead the men and women of our armed forces during such a historical moment in our nation’s history as we will render honors to our new commander in chief and reaffirm our support for the democratic principles enshrined in our constitution.”

Military involvement in the Presidential Inauguration dates back to April 30, 1789, when members of the U.S. Army, local militia units and Revolutionary War veterans escorted George Washington to his first inauguration ceremony. Military support to the inauguration honors the commander in chief, recognizes civilian control of the military and celebrates democracy.

Participation by the U.S. Armed Forces traditionally includes musical units, color guards, salute batteries and honor cordons. The JTF-NCR is prepared to provide security capabilities upon request in support of local and federal agencies. Service members also provide invaluable assistance to the Presidential Inaugural Committee, a not-for-profit, partisan organization representing the president-elect, and the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

The Honorable Ash B. Carter, Secretary of Defense, authorized 820 service members to coordinate DoD support in and around the nation’s capital. On Inauguration Day, more than 5,000 service members will participate in the 58th Presidential Inauguration ceremonies and other events.

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