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BACKGROUND: Gen Groves is an experienced airman, commander, and legislative strategist. During his 27-year Air Force career, he served as a pilot, commander, and policy advisor, with experience in the C-130E/H/J, C-17A, and KC-135 aircraft. He commanded aircrews on combat missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Balkans, as well as domestic humanitarian missions, and led multinational Ebola relief operations in Dakar, Senegal. He also has extensive experience in joint and interagency counterdrug operations. As Commander of the 136th Airlift Wing at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, he led a combat-ready C-130 wing, and he also commanded the 385th Air Expeditionary Group at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Gen Groves brings deep legislative and policy expertise, having served as a Legislative Fellow in the U.S. Senate, Senior Policy Advisor for the Air National Guard to the Reserve Forces Policy Board, and Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, as well as an executive Fellow at Dell Technologies. He later served as the Senior Military Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Development and Emerging Capabilities. Most recently, he was the Assistant Adjutant General for Air for the Arkansas National Guard, responsible for the readiness of 2,000 Airmen across two wings, while dual hatted as Director, Capability Development, Air Force Integrated Capabilities Command (Provisional).

AREAS OF FOCUS: He's a recognized expert in air mobility, Air National Guard and Reserve component policy, legislative affairs, and emerging capabilities.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TITLES: Gen Groves has a BS in Natural Resources from the University of the South, Sewanee, and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science from the Air Command and Staff College. He is a graduate of the Air Force Legislative Fellowship and the Secretary of Defense Executive Fellowship. Among his career achievements, he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.