

Senate Confirmation Information Summary

Prepared and Submitted by the Office of Governor Sam Brownback

Appointee: Colonel Jay Selanders

Position: Commander, Kansas
Air National Guard

Expiration Date: POG

Term Length: POG

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 48-208

Party Affiliation: R

- **Statutory geographic representation requirements:** N/A

Congressional District: 4

County: Cass

Size Requirement (if any): N/A

Other, specify: N/A

- **Statutory party affiliation requirement:** N/A
- **Statutory industry or occupation requirements:** N/A

Compensation: N/A

Predecessor: Bradley Link

Board Composition Prior to Confirmation of New Appointee:

Brigadier General Bradley Link, Commander of the Kansas Air National Guard



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS
REMARKS OF COLONEL JAY N. SELANDERS
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today.

Also thank you to Major General Tafanelli for his generous introduction, as well as his support and confidence.

I'd like to begin my remarks by introducing my incredibly supportive wife Annie—thank you for being by my side.

Without the support of our families and employers, none of what we do in the military, and particularly the National Guard, would be possible.

Born and raised in Anderson County, I graduated from Garnett High School in 1976. A great Agriculture teacher, Sam Harris, helped lead me in the right direction and I became involved with the Future Farmers of America, becoming the State President of that organization in 1976. It was then off to Kansas State University where I had opportunities to be a Student Senator, College of Agriculture Ambassador, and fraternity president while earning a degree in Agriculture in 1980. Back to Anderson County to farm for several years until I started law school at the University of Kansas in the summer of 1983. In June of 1984 I had the opportunity to interview for a pilot position with the 190th and the good fortune to get hired. I asked for some time off from law school to go to officer and pilot training, which was granted. Two years later I returned and finished law school, graduating in May of 1987.

In the fall of 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait and the 190th was called to duty for Desert Shield and Desert Storm, deploying to Saudi Arabia. Since then the unit has participated in every major operation and deployment of the American military, and even now has members deployed. The Wing has been on the forefront of the Air Force refueling mission, leading development of better compartment lighting and litter systems for aeromedical evacuations, and testing defensive infrared countermeasure equipment.

After flying many interesting missions, which included taking the first operational defensive equipment into Afghanistan on an aeromedical evacuation mission, working my way up as an Aircraft Commander, Instructor and Evaluator, and holding several positions within the 117th Air Refueling Squadron, I was selected as the Vice Commander of the Wing in May of 2011, and served in that position until September of 2014, when I was selected for the Assistant Adjutant General position we are here to discuss today.

In my civilian career I have been a practicing attorney since 1987. I am currently a member of the 500 attorney/17 office, Kutak Rock national law firm where I serve as the Kansas City Regional Managing Partner, and sit on the firm's Executive Committee and Compensation Committee.

The experience gained over 30 years of service, the mentoring received from numerous senior officers and enlisted leaders, the leadership training which has been cutting edge, and the ability to leverage those same attributes from my civilian career, all combine into what I offer the State as its Assistant Adjutant General. Many challenges are ahead for the State of Kansas, the military and the Kansas Air National Guard. The Adjutant General's office works diligently and constantly to prepare for and deal with such challenges. The 184th Intelligence Wing and the 190th Air Refueling Wing both have long-standing traditions of excellence and performance. They have always answered the call and will continue to do so. It is an honor and privilege to be associated with two such fine Wings.

It is our duty to provide trained and ready airmen, properly equipped, to meet the needs of our State and Nation in both domestic and military operations. The Kansas Air National Guard will be- "Always Ready, Always There".

Thank you. I stand ready for your questions.

Respectfully submitted by:

Colonel Jay N. Selanders
Commander, Kansas Air National Guard
23 March 2015