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Fort Leonard Wood change of command set for Friday

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood are slated to host a change-of-command ceremony from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Friday, at Gammon Field here at Fort Leonard Wood. Lt. Gen. John Sterling, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command deputy commander, is scheduled to preside over the ceremony where Maj. Gen. David Quantock will relinquish command to Brig. Gen. Mark Yenter.

Quantock leaves MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood to take command of the Army Criminal Investigation Command in Washington, D.C. The position is also the Army Provost Marshal.

Yenter joins the command from Afghanistan where he served with the U.S. Army Engineer Division, Trans-Atlantic (Forward) U.S. Forces-Afghanistan as the director and commander of the Joint Engineering Directorate.

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Reporters interested in covering the ceremony are asked to contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145 no later than 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.

'Thank you all for your overwhelming support and dedication'

Message from Commanding General Maj. Gen. David Quantock

As I prepare to relinquish command of this great post to Brig. Gen. Mark Yenter, I want you to know that Melissa and I have been honored to serve alongside each and every one of you here at Fort Leonard Wood and throughout the surrounding communities.

We will miss this post and its great workforce and communities immensely, but we will all move forward and continue to serve the Army's needs.

When I first took command of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood in May 2010, one of my goals was to make this installation an Army Community of Excellence. Your accomplishments – too numerous to recite - and the tremendous work you all do each and every day has contributed to that goal.

During my tenure, I have witnessed this community continuously demonstrating why you are an Army Community of Excellence – from the immediate, caring, and selfless response you provided to recovering from the tornado that hit the installation on New Year's Eve to the unforgettable tribute you gave to Pfc. Matthew England and his family to the day-to-day mutual support we share. I am so very grateful to have led such a de-voted and talented team of communities that is committed to excellence.

Melissa and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Fort Leonard Wood team, community and family. While we prepare to depart to lead the Office of the Provost Marshall General, we want to thank you all for your overwhelming support and dedication. As Mark Yenter and his lovely wife, Lisa, take command, we are confident you will continue and build upon the positive momentum on all fronts.

We cannot thank you enough for all your tremendous efforts and for all you do to support Fort Leonard Wood, our Army and our nation.