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## General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital change of command

**Fort Leonard Wood, MO-** Col. Kirk Eggleston passed command responsibility for General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital to Col. Marie Dominguez during a ceremony held at Fort Leonard Wood's Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza July 12.

Dominguez most recent assignment was 65<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade chief of professional services and Clinical Services deputy commander, Medical Activity-Korea & 121<sup>st</sup> Combat Service Hospital.

Eggleston moves on to his next assignment at the U.S. Naval War College.

Brig. Gen. Dennis D. Doyle, deputy commanding general for readiness, Western Regional Medical Command, was the guest speaker at the event. He presented Eggleston with the Legion of Merit before the ceremony and commented on the outstanding leadership and results Eggleston achieved as GLWACH's commander.

Doyle said that during Eggleston's time at GLWACH, a 3,600-square-foot addition was added to the military treatment facility; a Warrior Transition complex was also completed. Medical appointment no-shows were reduced from 12 to 5 percent; and GLWACH improved from being rated 31<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> in Bizbowl's nationwide ranking of Army hospitals.

Dominguez and GLWACH Command Sgt. Maj. Tabitha A. Gavia conducted a public signing of the Army Medicine Healthcare Covenant, which represents Medical Command's commitment to provide quality healthcare to military retirees, wounded, ill or injured Soldiers and family members. The 34-by-43-inch document will be on permanent framed display in the hallway of GLWACH's main exit.

Eggleston expressed his gratitude to more than 1,400 hospital staff individuals who serve enrollees at GLWACH. He recognized the invaluable support from community members on and off post and thanked his wife and children.

Col. Dominguez said she was pleased to accept her new assignment as GLWACH's commander, and that it is an honor and a privilege to be assigned here.

"Kirk, you've left big shoes to fill. I intend to fill them," said Dominguez.

She thanked her husband and children for their support.

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