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"It is a military tradition that General Officers [is] rendered appropriate military honors. These honors include the band playing Ruffles and Flourishes and a cannon salute by the salute battery." These were the words that started the Change of Command between Brig. Gen. (P) Megan P. Tatu and Col. (P) Robert A. Karmazin of the 75th Training Command, Pacific Training Division on Jan. 6 here at Camp Parks.

As the 191st Army Band played Ruffles and Flourishes the 75th Training Command's Salute Battery rendered eleven volleys to honor BG (P) Tatu's departure. After the volley a young Soldier took the last round fired from the guns and presented it to BG Tatu to commemorate the last round fired in her Command. The sound of the guns were said to have been heard all over the Tri-Valley Area.

The day seemed fitting in its overcast and gloomy feel. The end of a command was somehow punctuated by the conditions of weather but the mood lifted quickly with remarks from the Commander of The 75th Training Division. "Meeting difficult challenges is what the Pacific Division is all about." Said MG Jimmie Jaye Wells. He said that every challenge given were met and he was confident that every future challenge would be accomplished with equal or greater effort. He then wished BT Tatu in her next Command with the 79th Sustainment Command in Southern California.

After MG Wells remarks BG Tatu gave equally inspiring remarks praising the Soldiers of her Command for a job well done. "To the Soldiers and to the leaders of the Pacific Division represented on the formations on the field you see before you today, thank you for your leadership, your service and your sacrifice, said BG Tatu. Further she said, " You continue to empress with the commitment and the tenacity to get the mission accomplished."

Somehow the ceremony had to end a beginning of a new chapter in the history for the Pacific Division must drive forward and like all decisive events. The moment was planned and to some it was unnoticed. That moment came when Col (P) Robert A. Karmazin said: " All policies and procedures remain in effect."

Then as the ceremony drew to close the band played the Army Song marking the conclusion of the Pacific Division 75th Training Division Change of Command.



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