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Utah Guard's 1-145th Field Artillery Conducts Change of Command

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah – The Utah National Guard's 1-145th (First of the 145th) Field Artillery Battalion will conduct a change-of-command ceremony Saturday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m. at the Camp Williams Readiness Center.

At the ceremony, Lt. Col. Karl Wright will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Brent Stark.

Wright, a resident of Eugene, Ore., has commanded the Battalion since 2007. He has served in the military since 1984. His civilian employment is as director of materials management at McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center in Springfield, Ore.

During Wright's tenure as commander, the 1-145th deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq, in 2007-2008 where they served in a military-police capacity at the largest detention facility in the U.S. Central Command's area of operations.

An Orem resident, Stark is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, serving with I Corps Artillery (Forward) in Afghanistan in 2006-2007.

During his 24-year military career, Stark has served as a commander, executive officer, operations officer, intelligence officer, fire-support officer and platoon leader.

Stark will assume command of approximately 450 Soldiers assigned to units at Camp Williams, Brigham City, Manti, Logan and Spanish Fork.

Media Notes: Camp Williams is located at 17800 S. Camp Williams (Redwood) Road at the Salt Lake-Utah County line. Media arriving at the camp will be directed to the Readiness Center for the ceremony. Road construction along Redwood Road may cause delays; please plan accordingly. For more information please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.