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## **Utah Guard's 97<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command Conducts Change of Command**

WEST JORDAN, Utah – The Utah National Guard's 97<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command will conduct a change-of-command ceremony Saturday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m. at West Jordan Armory.

At the ceremony, Col. Scott Robinson will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Lamar Blair.

Robinson, a resident of West Jordan, has commanded the 97<sup>th</sup>, which includes the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation; and 2<sup>nd</sup> General Support Aviation Battalion, 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation; since 2007. He is the full-time director of the Utah National Guard's Aviation and Safety Office.

During Robinson's tenure as commander, the many accomplishments of the 97<sup>th</sup> include the successful overseas deployments of the 2-211<sup>th</sup>; 2-285<sup>th</sup> Air Assault; and Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift; as well as the transition of the 1-211<sup>th</sup> to the AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter, which is four times more lethal and seven times more survivable than its AH-64A predecessor.

Also a West Jordan resident, Blair is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as commander of the 2-211<sup>th</sup> during its deployment to Kuwait and Iraq in 2008-2009. In his civilian employment he is a Salt Lake City Police officer.

During his 29-year military career, Blair has served as a battalion and company commander, operations officer, logistics officer, personnel officer and platoon leader.

Blair will assume command of approximately 700 Soldiers assigned to units in West Jordan and Salt Lake City.

**Media Notes:** West Jordan Armory is located at 7602 S. Airport Road (4470 West). Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 for more information.