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Utah Air National Guard Conducts Change-of-Command Ceremonies

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Air National Guard will conduct a change-of-command ceremony Saturday, July 10, at 8:00 a.m. in the north hangar of the Utah Air National Guard Base.

The ceremony will consist of three command changes: Brig. Gen. David M. Hooper will relinquish command to Col. Wayne E. Lee as Assistant Adjutant General – Air and commander of the Utah Air National Guard; Colonel Kelvin G. Findlay will relinquish command of the 151st Air Refueling Wing to Col. Samuel H. Ramsay, III; and Col. Kenneth L. Gammon will relinquish command of the 151st Mission Support Group to Lt. Col. Jack M. Wall.

Lee, a Mount Pleasant resident, serves currently as Director of Joint Staff of the Utah Air National Guard. In his 36 years of military service, Lee has served as director of C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance), commander of two squadrons and is a Vietnam combat veteran. He assumes command of the more than 1,400 Airmen in the Utah Air National Guard.

Ramsay, a Syracuse resident, is currently the vice commander of the 151st Air Refueling Wing. He has over 5,000 flying hours and has served as a T-37, B-52 and KC-135 command pilot, group commander, and flight commander. During his career he has supported Operations Desert Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

With this new assignment, Ramsay will assume responsibility for command of the Wing and oversee the operations and maintenance of the Salt Lake Air Base. He will assume command of the approximately 900 Airmen of the 151st Air Refueling Wing.

Wall, a Murray resident, is currently the 151st Civil Engineer Squadron commander. He began his 29 years of service as an enlisted medic and was later commissioned in 1992. He has served as commander of three different squadrons. He will assume command of over 350 Airmen in the 151st Mission Support Group.

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Hooper, an Alpine resident, will retire after a 29 years of military service. He served as the commander of the Utah Air National Guard since January 2007. He has also served as a T-37, C-130 and KC-135 command pilot, group commander, squadron commander and flight instructor. His retirement ceremony will follow later that day.

Media Notes: The Salt Lake Air Base is located at 765 N. 2200 W. (just east of Salt Lake International Airport). To cover this story, please arrive by 7:30 a.m.