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Utah Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion Conducts Change of Command

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah National Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion will conduct a change-of-command ceremony Saturday, April 13, at 3 p.m. at the Salt Lake Readiness Center.

At the ceremony, Lt. Col. Joseph Green will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Shahram Takmili.

Green, a resident of West Jordan, assumed command of the 142nd in June 2011. He deployed in 2003-2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and again in 2008-2009 to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is the full-time intelligence officer for Joint Forces Headquarters in Draper.

Takmili, of Riverton, has served in a variety of assignments both on active duty and in the Utah National Guard, including deputy commander of the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) and as operations officer for the 300th.

In 2006 he mobilized to Afghanistan and was information operations officer for Task Force Phoenix, training the Afghan police and military in nonkinetic operations.

Takmili assumes command of more than 400 Soldiers based in Logan, Ogden, Draper and Salt Lake City.

Media Notes: The Salt Lake Armory is located at 1640 N. 2200 W., just east of Salt Lake International Airport. On the day of the event, please contact Maj. Brian Wood at (801) 259-3933 for assistance.