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Utah Army Guard's 1457th Engineer Battalion Conducts Change of Command

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah Army National Guard's 1457th Engineer Battalion will conduct a change-of-command ceremony Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at Camp Williams' Tarbet Field.

At the ceremony, Lt. Col. Scott K. Burnhope will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael J. Turley.

Burnhope, of Sandy, is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving with the 1457th Engineers 2003-2004 in Iraq. He currently works full time for the Utah National Guard as chief of maintenance and surface-maintenance manager.

During his 30-year military career, Burnhope has served as a commander, operations officer, logistics officer and platoon leader.

A West Jordan resident, Turley began his military career in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1984, serving on active duty for 10 years. He joined the Utah National Guard in 1995, and his full-time service included assignments as a company commander, operations officer, administrative officer, and an Engineer team leader on the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

Turley deployed with the Marines during Operation Desert Storm in 1990-1991 and later with the Utah Guard's 1457th Engineer Battalion in 2003-2004 in Iraq. He currently serves as commander of the Utah Army Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion. He will assume command of approximately 300 Soldiers assigned to units in American Fork, Blanding, Mount Pleasant, Price, Salt Lake City, Spanish Fork, Springville and Vernal.

Media Notes: Camp Williams is located at 17800 S. Camp Williams (Redwood) Road in Bluffdale at the Salt Lake-Utah County line. For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.