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Utah Army Guard's Recruiting Battalion Conducts Change of Command

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion will conduct a change-of-command ceremony Thursday, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m. at Draper Headquarters.

At the ceremony, Lt. Col. Michael J. Turley will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Kenneth G. Verboncoeur.

Verboncoeur, of Riverton, spent nearly 11 years on active duty following his commissioning from Oregon State University in 1990. He served in multiple locations throughout the United States and Asia during that period to include service in Haiti as part of Operation Uphold Democracy and in Europe as part of Operation Provide Promise.

During his career Verboncoeur served in various staff and command positions. He is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, serving in Afghanistan from 2005-2006. He currently serves as commander of the 85th Civil Support Team. He will assume command of all soldiers serving as National Guard recruiters in the State of Utah.

Turley is a West Jordan resident. He 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 1457th Engineer Battalion.

Media Notes: The Utah National Guard's Draper headquarters is located at 12953 S. Minuteman Drive in Draper. For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.