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## Utah Army Guard's 19<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group Conducts Change of Command

CAMP WILLIAMS – The Utah Army National Guard's 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) will conduct a change-of-command ceremony Friday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at the Camp Williams Readiness Center.

At the ceremony, Col. Randy Watt will relinquish command to Col. Mark Drown.

Watt, of Morgan, has commanded the 19<sup>th</sup> since 2011. He is a veteran of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He received the Bronze Star with "V" device for his valorous service in Iraq. In his civilian employment he is president of SRW, Inc., in Ogden.

Drown, of Riverton, currently serves as full-time deputy commander of the 19<sup>th</sup>. In his 26-year career he has served as an executive officer, company commander and battalion commander. He is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. He will assume command of more than 2,000 Soldiers in nine states.

**Media Notes:** The Camp Williams Readiness Center is located at 17800 S. Camp Williams (Redwood) Road in Bluffdale. Please contact Lt. Col. Ihor Balaban at (801) 856-1361 for more information.