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Media Opportunity

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Carson changes command

FORT CARSON, Colo. — U.S. Army Garrison Fort Carson will conduct a change of command ceremony Monday, Aug. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Founders Field on post.

Col. Sean Brown will pass the ceremonial guidon to Col. Erik Oksenvaag, symbolizing the transfer of responsibility and authority from one commander to the next.

Oksenvaag, an infantry officer, has commanded tactical units at every echelon and served in key positions in both in the U.S. and abroad. His key assignments include platoon leader and company executive officer with 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, at Fort Drum, New York; battalion A/S3 and rifle company commander with 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, at Baumholder, Germany; battalion and brigade S3 at 1st Stryker Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson, Colorado; battalion commander with 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, at Fort Bliss, Texas. Oksenvaag most recently served as the Chief of Staff of the National Training Center and Deputy Commander of Fort Irwin, California.

Brown assumed command July 19, 2022. During his tenure as garrison commander, Brown oversaw countless initiatives to improve readiness and the quality of life for Fort Carson Soldiers and their Families. While in command, \$58 million in projects were awarded across Fort Carson and Pinyon Canyon, to include a new motorcycle training range, upgrades to fitness facilities, and repairs to the Soldier's Memorial Chapel. He worked to make Fort Carson a more energy-efficient and sustainable military installation by spearheading the development of the Gridstar Flow Battery, a large-scale, long-duration battery. Similarly, during his time at Fort Carson, the Mountain Post was awarded the "Carson Solar II" contract, approving the installation of up to eight-megawatt solar panels, doubling the existing solar panels.

As garrison commander, Brown demonstrated Fort Carson's unwavering commitment to the Colorado Springs community through hosting the Installation Strategy and Partnership Summit, uniting local government and industry leaders to cultivate cooperation, collaboration, and interoperability across all parties.



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Media interested in covering this event should RSVP no later than 9 a.m. Monday by calling the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.