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1st Infantry Brigade Combat Team Changes Command

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — Col. Daniel P. Kearney relinquished command of the 1st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, to Col. Ryan W. Graham in a ceremony Friday, Sep. 26 at Fort Drum's Memorial Park.

Kearney assumed command of the Warrior Brigade on June 2, 2023, and led the unit through a period of intense training and a nine-month deployment to U.S. Central Command. During the CENTCOM deployment, 1BCT served as the rapid reaction force, conducting more than 300 security cooperation events and playing a critical role in the non-combatant evacuation operations from Afghanistan. Before that, Col. Kearney served as chief of innovation for the 18th Airborne Corps and director of future operations for the 18th Airborne Corps. Kearney's career includes deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn and Operation Inherent Resolve.

"I'm overwhelmed with pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared," said Kearney. "Serving alongside the finest Soldiers in the Army has been the honor of a lifetime."

Graham most recently served as chief of staff for the 7th Infantry Division. He previously commanded 2-12 Infantry Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, and served as the G3/S3 for 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. Graham has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn and Operation Spartan Shield, and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies.

"As your new commander, I bring you a simple promise: we will honor our heritage by facing the realities of today," said Graham. "We will lead with integrity, trust, and respect. We'll care

fiercely for each other and our families, linking how we fight to why we fight. We'll train hard so we can fight easy."

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Link for photos and print media from the ceremony can be found at the following link:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/9342223/warrior-brigade-marks-new-chapter-with-change-command-fort-drum>