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Change of Command at Fort George G Meade

EVENT: Change of Command ceremony

WHEN: Scheduled for August 3 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Fort George G. Meade, Club Meade

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Col. Erich C. Spragg will assume command of Fort George G. Meade in a ceremony scheduled for August 3 at 10 a.m. Col. Spragg, who will be the 86th Fort Meade commander, will replace Col. Thomas S. Rickard who has been the installation commander since August 2016.

Col. Rickard's next duty assignment will be with U.S. Cyber Command.

Col. Spragg comes to Fort Meade directly after earning his second master's degree in International Security Affairs from the National Defense University. A graduate of Clemson University, he holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, as well as a master's degree in Public Policy Administration.

Prior to attending NDU, Col. Spragg served as Chief of the Knowledge and Analysis Section (KAS), NATO Rapid Deployment Corps in Turkey.

A Military Intelligence Officer, Col. Spragg's operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. His awards and decorations include a Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Combat Action Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

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NOTE: Media interested in attending this event must be escorted by a public affairs representative. To coordinate your visit, please RSVP to Mary Doyle at (301) 677-5592 or mary.l.doyle14.civ@mail.mil.

BACKGROUND

Fort George G. Meade, established in 1917, is the largest employer in the state of Maryland and with more than 56,000 employees, is the second largest Army installation in the continental United States in terms of personnel. We are the home to all branches of

military service; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard and serves as the home for 119 partner organizations including U. S. Cyber Command, the National Security Agency, the Defense Information Systems Agency, the Defense Media Activity, the Defense Information School as well as federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Science Center.

DIRECTIONS: From state Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take state Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Reece Road. Access procedures can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil