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SMDC/ARSTRAT and JFCC Change of Command remarks

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Gen Chilton, GEN Chiarelli, LTG and Mrs. Campbell, CSM & Mrs. Turner, so many distinguished guests, Family, friends, and members of SMDC/ARSTRAT and JFCC-IMD.

Thank you all for attending this ceremony today; it means a lot to us and to the Service members, and Civilians of both commands that you're here.

Thank you. Let me also add my thanks to the AMC Band for all that you bring to this ceremony.

At the outset, we'd like to congratulate Kevin and Kathy Campbell for their most successful tenure in command and for 37 years of selfless service and distinguished leadership in our Army and in the joint AMD community. Diane and I are personally grateful for your assistance during the transition. We congratulate you, we thank you, and we wish you godspeed and all the best in the years ahead.

To the many Congressional staff, civic, business, and community leaders here today, thank you for your continued support of SMDC/ARSTRAT, the Huntsville – Madison - Redstone Arsenal Community, and our Army. Diane and I are excited to join this community and to be on your team.

I accept today, without reservation, the responsibilities inherent in command of SMDC/ARSTRAT and JFCC-IMD. I recognize the unique and substantial role these commands have with our Army, with US Strategic Command, and with the Geographic Combatant Commanders that we support. Great command with a terrific reputation across the Army, in OSD, and throughout the Joint force.

And I appreciate and value the very special relationship that we must maintain with the Missile Defense Agency, as well as with the Army's Air and Missile Defense Task Force, AMC/AMCOM, PEO Missiles and Space, TRADOC and the Fires Center of Excellence, JIAMD and so many other organizations, agencies and the industry partners across the IAMD community.

To the dedicated, talented, and selfless Soldiers, Civilians, and contractors of SMDC/ARSTRAT and to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians of JFCC-IMD, Diane and I are proud to join your team and we look forward to serving alongside you.

For SMDC/ARSTRAT: As the Army's specified proponent for space, global missile defense, high altitude, and the Army's operational integrator for global missile defense: we'll continue our focus on three core tasks:

- Providing trained and ready space and missile defense forces and capabilities to the COCOMs and in support of the warfighter;
- Building future space and missile defense forces;
- And researching, testing, and integrating space, missile defense, high altitude, directed energy, and other related technologies.

For JFCC-IMD, as the designated Joint Force Functional manager for Integrated Air and Missile Defense capabilities, we'll continue to synchronize Warfighter missile defense priorities for US STRATCOM and across the Geographic combatant commands. And we'll work closely with the other JFCCs on the STRATCOM team.

We'll do so as selfless public servants; as integral members of a larger team; and as responsible, accountable stewards of our Nation's resources. We will remain committed to and focused on those who are deployed and serving in harm's way.

With units, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians forward stationed or deployed around the globe, the sun never sets on SMDC/ARSTRAT; we will remain vigilant for the world in JFCC-IMD.

Secure the High Ground Pro Mundi Vigilans! Army Strong! Hooah!