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**100th Missile Defense Brigade Change of Command
LTG Formica Remarks – as Delivered
19 July 2012**

- Is this a Hooah day in Colorado Springs or what?
- It's a great day to have a change of command – to continue a 200-year military tradition in which we formally recognize the change of leadership of this strategically significant brigade.
- Welcome to all of our special guests:
 - COL Bowen's wife, Kristin and their daughter Carmen
 - COL Hildreth's wife Kristie and their daughters Ashley, Allison and Aimee
 - Former SMDC Commanders – LTG(Ret) Ed Anderson, LTG (Ret) Joe Cosumano
 - Representatives of the Army National Guard – Alaska --MG Thomas Katkus (Alaska TAG), CSM Gordon Choate (Alaska State CSM), BG Mike Bridges, Asst TAG and Cdr Alaska Army National Guard
 - And from the Colorado Army National Guard -- BG Robert Enzenauer, Asst TAG for Space



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- Pleased to recognize Mr. Riki Ellison, Founder and Chairman of the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance, and great supporter of missile defense Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Civilians.
- Today marks a special day in the history of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade.
- We mark the seamless passage of command from one commander to another.
- In doing so, we recognize the accomplishments of the command under the leadership of COL Greg Bowen – joined by his wife Kristin.
- And we welcome in the 4th Commander – COL Ted Hildreth, and his wife Kristie, and daughters Ashley, Allison and Aimee.
- While our focus tends to shift to the two commanders, this ceremony is about the command.
- So before I speak to Greg's tenure in command, I'd like to address the Soldiers of the 100th Brigade.
- SMDC/ARSTRAT has 3 core tasks – 1) Provide trained and ready Space and Missile Defense forces and capabilities to the Warfighter and the Nation (Our Operations Function – providing capabilities Today); 2)



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Build future Space and Missile Defense forces (our Capability Development Function – providing capabilities for Tomorrow) ; 3) Research, test, and integrate Space, Missile Defense, cyber, directed energy, & related technologies (our Materiel Development function—providing capabilities for the Day-After-Tomorrow).

- Our Operations tasks are executed by our operations staff – and by the two brigades headquartered here in Colorado Springs, with Soldiers and Civilians on duty all around the world, and supervised by our Deputy Commanding General for Operations – BG Tim Coffin.
 - More than 875 Operational Forces controlling space operations and the BMDS around the world – CONUS-based, forward-stationed or deployed.
- We provide timely and relevant space and missile defense capabilities to the Army, USSTRATCOM, USNORTHCOM and the Geographic Combatant Commands every day.
- This GMD Brigade has a vital mission. You are uniquely organized within SMDC/ARSTRAT and the Army National Guard with Title 10 and



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Title 32 status – you are COCOM to USSTRATCOM and under the operational control of USNORTHCOM.

- The 100th Missile Defense Brigade is the only brigade in the Army with the mission – to protect the United States and its designated areas against the threat of a limited strategic ballistic missile attack.
- Your skills are vitally important to our national security
- What you in the brigade, with the men and women of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, do every day, is a challenging mission that requires selfless service and excellence 24/7/365.
- When we say the sun never sets in SMDC/ARSTRAT, that certainly applies to this brigade -- and we've recently expanded your mission to serve as the force provider for the 3 (soon to be 5) Forward-based TPY-2 Radar Detachments stationed around the world.
- And we value the role the Army National Guard has in providing the talented professional Soldiers to support this critical homeland defense mission – Colorado, Alaska and California.
- I'm sensitive that this change of command today comes at a difficult time. Late last week, tragedy struck the brigade.



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- Our condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to the Family, Friends, and fellow Soldiers of LT Christina Cornejo. We watched as the brigade rallied to care for her Family and friends and to look after one another.
- We watched the steady hand and the caring leadership of the brigade commander, CSM, XO and others.
- Good units aren't identified because bad things never happen to them. Great units are marked by how they respond when bad things do happen.
- I'm saddened by this terrible tragedy – but I'm proud of this brigade, its Leaders and its Soldiers.
- Now let me take a few minutes to highlight what the 100th accomplished during COL Bowen's 38 months in command:
 - The 100th ensured operations crews were manned, trained and certified, while simultaneously conducting RTD&E requirements in support of the Missile Defense Agency.
 - Crews provided support in preparation for US actions to the April 2012 North Korean space launch.



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- Crews supported two Missile Defense Agency Ground-based Interceptor flight tests under Greg's leadership.
- He worked tirelessly to maintain a seamless relationship and open communication between the missile defense stakeholders at NORTHCOM, STRATCOM, the GCCs, JFCC-IMD, SMDC/ARSTRAT, and the MDA.
- The 100th GMD Brigade became the force provider for the TPY-2 Radars.
- The 10th Missile Defense Detachment in Shariki, under Greg's watch, was reorganized under the 100th brigade – and we activated the 11th, 12th, and 13th Missile Defense Detachments in EUCCOM and CENTCOM.
- And he also officially activated Detachment 1 at Vandenberg AFB in coordination with the California National Guard.
- As COL Bowen ends his command of the 100th, the brigade's state of readiness is a testament to his leadership.



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- The 100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD) is poised to defend and protect the homeland of the United States against the threat of a ballistic missile attack.
- Good news is -- we're not letting Greg go – he'll stay on as the Deputy Commander for Support at SMDC/ARSTRAT.
- Greg – on behalf of the men and women of SMDC/ARSTRAT, we thank you for your leadership and your service. Job well done. The United States is a safer place because of your efforts. Hooah!
- Now, a few words to our new commander, COL Ted Hildreth, and his Family.
- COL Hildreth comes to us with full understanding of the missile defense mission. His time as the commander of the 49th, as well as his strong background in Air Defense Artillery and his broadening assignments in the Army National Guard Readiness Center, make him well qualified to lead this unique Brigade.
- Ted, your leadership comes at a critical time to the 100th.
- We also have the CTV-01 test in 1st quarter FY13, followed by FTG-06b later in FY13



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- We have ongoing Detachment activation activities for the forward-based mode of the AN/TPY-2 radars, and we have upgrades planned for Fort Greely that will require your leader oversight.
- But most importantly, you'll maintain the readiness of this brigade to defend our homeland against a limited ballistic missile attack – 24/7/365.
- And you are specifically charged to lead, train, discipline, care for and serve the Soldiers and Civilians of the 100th GMD Brigade.
- At SMDC/ARSTRAT, and the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, we focus on providing capabilities and on public service.
- I know you'll bring your command focus and energy to these two aspects of the command. We have full confidence that you and your wife, as the command team, will also take care of those with whom the Army has entrusted to your care: the Soldiers, Civilians, Contractors, and their Families.
- Good luck and God speed.
- The Sun Never Sets on SMDC/ARSTRAT! Army Strong!