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## **Military Police welcome new commander to Fort Leonard Wood**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Col. Bryan Patridge became the 16<sup>th</sup> commander of the 14<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade during a change-of-command ceremony July 1 on Fort Leonard Wood's Gammon Field.

Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, presided over the ceremony as Col. Kevin Vereen transferred command to Patridge.

Patridge, who previously commanded the 795th MP Battalion, joins Fort Leonard Wood from his most recent assignment at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in the Office of Outreach and External Affairs, Strategic Plans.

Vereen heads to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he will serve as provost marshal.

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## PHOTO CUTLINES:

MC1\_0616: Fort Leonard Wood holds a change of command Monday on Gammon Field for the 14th Military Police Brigade. Col. Kevin Vereen relinquished command to Col. Bryan Patridge. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

DS3\_0674: Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler celebrates the accomplishments of Col. Kevin Vereen and the 14th Military Police Brigade, during an award ceremony for Vereen held in combination with a change of command Monday on Gammon Field. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

MC1\_0662 and DS3\_0727: Lt. Col. Graham Swenson, front left; Col. Bryan Patridge, Col. Kevin Vereen, and Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, review troops in formation with Staff Sgt. Justin Stark driving during the change-of-command ceremony for the 14th Military Police Brigade July 1 on Gammon Field. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

MC1\_0675: The official party for the 14th Military Police Brigade change of command July 1 on Gammon Field, from left: Col. Kevin Vereen, Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, and Col. Bryan Patridge. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

DS3\_0737: Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Dooley, 14th Military Police Brigade command sergeant major, passes the brigade colors to Col. Kevin Vereen during the change-of-command ceremony for the 14th Military Police Brigade July 1 on Gammon Field. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

DS3\_0742: Col. Kevin Vereen, outgoing 14th Military Police Brigade commander, passes the brigade colors to Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, during a change-of-command ceremony for the brigade July 1 on Gammon Field. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

DS3\_0744: Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, passes the brigade colors to Col. Bryan Patridge during a change-of-command ceremony for the 14th Military Police Brigade July 1 on Gammon Field. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

MC1\_0699 Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, celebrates the accomplishments of Col. Kevin Vereen and the 14th Military Police Brigade, and welcomes Col. Bryan Patridge, the brigade's incoming commander, during a change of command July 1 on Gammon Field. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

MC1\_0716: Col. Kevin Vereen provides remarks during a change of command ceremony for the 14th Military Police Brigade July 1 on Gammon Field. Vereen heads to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he will serve as provost marshal. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

DS3\_0725: Col. Bryan Patridge provides remarks during a change-of-command ceremony for the 14th Military Police Brigade July 1 on Gammon Field. Patridge, who previously commanded the 795th MP Battalion, joins Fort Leonard Wood from his most recent assignment at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. in the Office of Outreach and External Affairs, Strategic Plans. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

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*Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.*

*Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.*

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