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Media invited as DLIFLC welcomes new commandant July 29

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center will conduct a change-of-command ceremony at the Presidio's Soldier Field 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.

Col. David K. Chapman, commandant of DLIFLC since May 2014, will pass the colors to his replacement, Col. Phillip J. Deppert.

Deppert, from Ripon, Wisconsin, entered active duty in 1990 and became a Military Intelligence Corps officer in 1994. He has served as a military intelligence officer at various units and levels including command and counterterrorism. Additionally, he has served overseas in Korea and deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Kirby R. Brown will be the reviewing officer for the change of command. Brown is the deputy to the commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He acts on the commanding general's behalf concerning operations and activities throughout the CAC and its schools and centers.

Also in attendance will be members of the historic 11th Cavalry Regiment. The unit resided at the Presidio from 1919 to 1942. The horses and their handlers are currently stationed at Fort Irwin.

The 11th Cavalry will give a 15-minute demonstration beginning at 3:45 p.m.

Some of the 11th Cavalry's history includes participating in various events and parades, including an appearance in the film "Sergeant Murphy" starring Ronald Reagan, as well as the opening ceremony of the Golden Gate Bridge in 1937. In 1942, it was decided that the horses would be turned in for vehicles, and on

April 19, 1943, the 11th Cavalry became the 11th Cavalry Group Mechanized and moved to Fort Benning, Georgia, marking an end of an era.

Additionally, neighbors in the area may hear noise from a cannon that will be fired around 5 p.m.

News media representatives are invited to attend and should confirm attendance with the Presidio Public Affairs Office via email to PresidioPAO@gmail.com or by calling 831-242-5555 no later than noon July 29.

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