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1st Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment Change of Command

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Maj. Sam Scott assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment from Lt. Col. Jeffrey Roberts during a Change of Command Ceremony April 15, 2018 at the Alaska National Guard Headquarters here.

"Less than one percent of officers will ever command a battalion," said the host of the ceremony, Col. Roy Macaraeg, commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Macaraeg added that the 1-297th is set to deploy a year from now.

"Units that are successful in combat are ones that have trained hard together, trust their chain of command, understand the situation and stay rigorously true to the Army values and the code of ethics," said Roberts. "You are nearly ready for this challenge, and Maj. Scott is the perfect commander to get you ready and lead you through this mission."

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PHOTOS

1. **Attached pdf** includes story and a small selection of low-resolution photos for viewing on screen.

2. **Flickr link** includes an event album with the complete selection of full-resolution, free downloadable images. (May not be accessible from all military computers.)

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/alaskanationalguard/albums/72157694049232201>

2. **DVIDS link** includes story and selected full-resolution photos. (Primarily for media, DVIDS is accessible from .mil computers.) <https://dvidshub.net/r/mp2x96>

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Lt. Col. Jeffrey Roberts, right, 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment outgoing commander, passes the unit colors to Command Sgt. Maj. James Nyquist, 1-297th sergeant major, signifying his release of command during a Change of Command Ceremony April 15, 2018 on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Michael Risinger)



Maj. Sam Scott, left, 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment incoming commander, passes the unit colors to Col. Roy Macaraeg, commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, during a Change of Command Ceremony April 15, 2018 on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Michael Risinger)



Lt. Col. Jeffrey Roberts, left, 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment outgoing commander, is presented with the Meritorious Service Medal during a Change of Command Ceremony April 15, 2018 on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Michael Risinger)



Lt. Col. Jeffrey Roberts, left, 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment outgoing commander, is presented with the Meritorious Service Medal from Col. Roy Macaraeg, commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, during a Change of Command Ceremony April 15, 2018 on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Michael Risinger)