



Brig. Gen. Wentz makes a stop in Al Asad

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The 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) takes over command and control of all logistical operations in the Iraqi theater. Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wentz, the commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Joseph from the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) visited Al Asad Air Base on 15 August.

They met with Lt. Col. James and staff to receive an update on missions being conducted by TF Atlas, here and at Camp Korean Village.

Brig. Gen. Wentz expressed his excitement about working with TF Atlas during the deployment, while providing assistance when needed.

“As we continue to provide

support to our Iraqi partners, the 13th’s focus will shift to the coordination, synchronization, and execution of [the drawdown],” said Brig. Gen. Wentz.

“This is a mission that requires tactical patience and technical diligence. It will be a marathon, not a sprint.”

While here at Al Asad Air Base, Brig. Gen. Wentz and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph were able to tour the base and see what various services and facilities were available for the Soldiers stationed there.



Maj. Daniel Morris, HHC, Capt. Erin Bagley, D2-162, and Capt. Sung Ji welcome BG Paul L. Wentz, 13th ESC Commanding General to Al Asad Air Base. BG Wentz stopped in to meet with TF Atlas command staff and to receive an update on TF Atlas missions.

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Texas hands reins to Oregon

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Inside a walled compound on East Liberty, a group of senior officers and noncommissioned officers gathered around a flag pole for a small, but important, ceremony.

Smiles and dusty Stetsons worn by command representatives, 1-124th Cavalry Squadron, Texas Army National Guard, prepared to bring down a wind battered flag. Their squadron flag, now faded and rough on the edges, has flown proudly over their headquarters since their arrival to Iraq. They gathered around to lower their colors and return to their families back in Texas.

On the other side of the flag pole stood the command representatives of the 1-82nd Cavalry Squadron. They were ready to assume authority of the mission. With Stetsons still packed in a connex en-route to Iraq, the two Squadron command sergeants major began the quiet ceremony wearing patrol caps.

Command Sgt. Maj. John Hoxie, 1-124th Cavalry Squadron, lowered his squadron flag as those assembled stood at attention. Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley Getz, 1-82nd Cavalry Squadron, provided assistance. Command Sgt. Maj. Getz then attached the bright clean 1-82nd colors and raised it above the new headquarters, signifying the transfer of authority from Texas to Oregon.

“Crossing the line” and shaking hands, both Cavalry units enjoyed the moment. They paused only to take photos. Proudly carrying his unit colors, Command Sgt. Maj. Hoxie led his first sergeants out of the compound and set about preparing for the re-deployment of their cavalrymen.

Anyone passing by could easily tell that something had changed in

the compound, not just the new paint on the T-wall. A crisp, clean, 1-82nd Cavalry flag stood out against the dirty combat vehicles lined up on the road.

