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Col. James Kyle Takes Command of Tennessee Medical Command

Tullahoma, Tenn. - Col. James Kyle is the new commander of the Tennessee Army National Guard Medical Command in Smyrna, Tenn. Kyle assumed command of the unit Sunday, October 19 from Col. Charles White, Jr. who commanded the unit since October 2012.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Holmes, Tennessee's Assistant Adjutant General, officiated at the ceremony and Col. John Krenson, Commander of 30th Troop Command, passed the unit guidon to the new commander. Holmes expressed his appreciation to the soldiers of Medical Command and stressed the importance of their unit saying, "Medical Command is the center of gravity for the Tennessee Army National Guard. You reach over 10,000 soldiers and are instrumental in maintaining the state's readiness."

During the ceremony Col. White thanked the soldiers for their efforts and outstanding teamwork in improving the medical readiness of the Tennessee Army National Guard to over 90 percent. White received the Meritorious Service Medal for his accomplishments during his command.

Col. Kyle briefed the soldiers on his priorities by stressing mission accomplishment, equipment readiness and most importantly taking care of soldiers and their families. Kyle previously commanded Charlie Medical Company, Regimental Support Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment during the regiments' deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005.

On the civilian side, Kyle is the senior field counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance in Knoxville. He enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard 27 years ago and has since served either on active duty or a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard.

White, who works as a primary care physician for the Veteran's Hospital Administration in Jackson, Tenn., will continue his 26 years of service with the Tennessee Army National Guard as a physician with Medical Command. White deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Photo Caption: Master Sgt. Robert Haley (left) prepares to pass the Tennessee Army National Guard Medical Command guidon to outgoing commander Col. Charles White, Jr. Also participating in the ceremony are (from right) 30th Troop Command commander Col. John Krenson, and incoming Medical Command commander Col. James Kyle. (Photo by Lt. Col. Terry Markle, Tennessee Army National Guard Medical Command)

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