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230th Digital Liaison Detachment Receives New Commander

TULLAHOMA, Tenn. -- Lt. Col. Barry Collins, of Goodlettsville, Tenn., assumed command of the 230th Digital Liaison Detachment, based in Memphis, Tenn., during a somber ceremony at the Tennessee National Guard Armory in Tullahoma, Tenn., March 7. Collins is replacing Col. Martin J. Basham, who passed away after a brief illness on February 10. Collins had been selected to become the units next commander prior to Basham's passing.

After receiving the unit's guidon and officially accepting his new post, Collins said, "I have big shoes to fill," honoring Basham by telling the Soldiers of 230th DLD. He went on to reassure his new unit that they would pick up where Basham had led them and together they would continue to strive for excellence by performing their mission well.

Collins is currently employed by the Tennessee Military Department as a department controller for the Tennessee Army National Guard. He has been a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard for 30 years and has commanded at both the company and battalion levels. Collins has been selected to be promoted to the rank of colonel and will be pinned in a ceremony in the near future.

The 230th DLD mission is to provide liaison capability between an army corps level commander with major subordinate commands and an allied coalition force commands. The unit has trained several times in Korea.

The unit held a memorial service for Basham's family and Soldiers earlier in the day.

CAPTION:

001 - 30th Troop Command commander, Col. John Krenson (right), passes the 230th Digital Liaison Detachment guidon to the incoming commander Lt. Col. Barry Collins (center), as Sgt. Maj. Douglas Haynes (left) looks on. The assumption of command ceremony was held on March 7, 2015 at the Tullahoma, Tenn. National Guard Armory. (US Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Sarah Holt.)

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