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### Change of Command Planned For Weekend

(KAIR)--A change of command for the 35th Infantry Division, with a ceremony recognizing the leadership change planned for this weekend.

That comes as Maj. Gen. Victor J. Braden steps into the role.

Currently the deputy commanding general of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Braden will receive command in a change of command ceremony Sunday morning at the Lewis and Clark Center at Fort Leavenworth.

It will begin at 10:00.

According to a press release, he assumes the duties of Major General Michael Mavrkal, who has led the 35th Infantry Division for the past 29 months.

Calling Braden “the right person to lead” the organization into the future, the outgoing commander wishes Braden his best as the leadership changes hands.

Braden says he is “honored to be selected for the command” and looks forward to leading the soldiers in what he calls “a complex and challenging world.”

Braden, a resident of Lawrence, has more than 30-years of military experience, earning honors during his career.

As a civilian he is the deputy Kansas attorney general in charge of the Criminal Litigation Division, prosecuting homicide, child predator, illicit drug manufacturing and distribution, and public corruption cases throughout the state.

The 35th Infantry Division is one of eight divisions in the Army National Guard. In addition to Kansas, it has subordinate major commands in Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

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