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Operations Group command to change hands

FORT POLK, LA – Command of Fort Polk’s Operations Group will change hands at 10 a.m. November 25th during a ceremony at the Bayou Theater on the corner of Bell Richard and Mississippi here. The public is invited to attend.

During the ceremony Col. James L. Terry will relinquish command to Colonel J. Michael Bednarek coming from Fort Monroe, Va. where he served as the Chief, Joint Training Group, United States Joint Forces Command.

Terry will move to Camp Doha, Kuwait where he will serve as the Coalition Forces Land Component Command, Operations Officer. He has commanded the Group since July of 2002.

Throughout Terry’s command of the Operations Group, JRTC he lead 12 Brigade Task Forces consisting of the U.S. Army’s light, Airborne, Air Assault, heavy, Stryker, and Special Operations units made up of over 44-thousand soldiers. These units and soldiers participated in the most realistic combat and peace enforcing training in the U.S. Army. Terry’s leadership helped improve and prepare them for future military operations. Majority of the units trained under the leadership and guidance of Terry are and have been deployed during Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

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Media representatives are welcome to attend and cover this event. Please call the Fort Polk Media Relations Office to coordinate access to Fort Polk at (337) 531-1418 or (337) 531-4630.