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**Fort Polk to host Change of Command and  
Demobilization Ceremonies:  
Public Invited**

Fort Polk, La. --- Ceremonies are scheduled Friday at Fort Polk for two Louisiana-based reserve units.

The 239th Military Police Company, Louisiana Army National Guard, will demobilize and the 4013<sup>th</sup> Garrison Support Unit Battalion Headquarters, US Army Reserve will change hands during a ceremony that starts at 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 23, 2004 at Warrior Field, here.

The 239th MP Company was activated into federal service in support of Operation Noble Eagle. Their mission was to supplement Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk's law enforcement and force protection resources. They were first mobilized in January 2002. In June 2002, the 239th was deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. They returned to Fort Polk in January 2003 and resumed law enforcement and force protection duties. The demobilization ceremony marks the end of the unit's active duty service.

A company from the Missouri National Guard will replace the 239th. This company was activated on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at Jefferson Barracks, MO. They

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received mobilization training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and arrived at Fort Polk on January 4th, 2004. They will be attached as Alpha Company, 519th Military Police Battalion with a mission of providing law enforcement and force protection to the Fort Polk Community.

Immediately following, LTC Robert Conway will relinquish command of the 4013<sup>th</sup> Garrison Support Unit Battalion Headquarters to LTC Andrew C. Fairchild. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Officer of Strategic Initiatives at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Upon release from active duty, Conway will command the 2<sup>nd</sup> 378 Regiment (Basic Combat Training) in the 95<sup>th</sup> Division Infantry Institutional Training, Monroe, LA.

A reception will follow the ceremony at the Showboat Theater.

Inclement weather location will be in the Warrior Brigade Gym.

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Media representatives are welcomed to attend and cover the event. Please call Maj. Ron Elliott at 531-1418 or Samantha Bingham by 5 p.m. Thursday, January 22nd.**

**BIOS ATTACHED**

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