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115th Field Hospital, Warrior Brigade to change hands

FORT POLK, LA – Command of Fort Polk's 115th Field Hospital, Warrior Brigade, will change hands at 9:30 a.m. July 16th, 2004 during a ceremony at Warrior Field here. The public is invited to attend.

During the ceremony Col. Donn R. Richards will relinquish command to Col Jeffrey E. Short. Col Short comes to Fort Polk from assignment as a Senior Service College Fellow, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

COL Richards will depart for assignment as Command Surgeon, US Army Human Resources Command, St. Louis, MO. He has commanded the battalion since June of 2002.

The mission of the 115th Field Hospital is to deploy worldwide to provide hospitalization support and services within the theater of operations.

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Media wishing to cover the ceremony should contact Major Ron Elliott at (337) 531-1418 or Samantha Bingham at (337) 531-4630.