



Col. Gregg Potter assumes command of 902d Military Intelligence Group

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Col. Gregg Potter assumed command of the 902d Intelligence Group (IG) in a change of command ceremony held July 1 at Gaffney Fitness Center.

Potter, former chief of operations at the Intelligence and Security Command, (INSCOM), replaces Col. Michael Bisacre who began his command of the 902d in July 2002. Bisacre has been reassigned as the new deputy commander of INSCOM.



Left to right: Maj. Gen. John Kimmons passes the colors of the 902d Military Intelligence Group to Col. Gregg Potter.

"I am both humbled and honored to be standing before you today taking command of this great organization," said Potter. "The Group has done a magnificent job over the past two years under Mike Bisacre and I look forward to taking the Group to the next level."

The 902d IG is the only counterintelligence unit that works in security, investigations, operations, analysis, technical security and information warfare. The 902d is the largest and most comprehensive counterintelligence unit in the Department of Defense having absorbed the Special Security Group, the Central Security Facility and th

e U.S. Foreign Counterintelligence Agency in the 1990s.

In response to the Sept. 11 attacks, the 902d created the Counterintelligence Analysis Control Element (CI ACE) in October 2001. At the end of fiscal year 2002, the CI ACE merged with the 902d's operational staff and the Army CI Center to form the Counterintelligence Integrated Analysis Center.



Col. Gregg Potter and his wife Veronica greet Spc. Evibeth Franco of the 902d IG at Potter's reception at Burba Lake following the change of command ceremony.

The 902d currently has more than 150 civilians and Soldiers deployed mostly in south west Asia, the Middle East and in other parts of the world.

Quiet professionals

Maj. Gen. John Kimmons, commander, INSCOM, called the change of command ceremony a "significant milestone in the history of this magnificent unit." He said the unit plays a critical role in the global war on terrorism and that Bisacre's leadership "has been rock solid."

Kimmons called Bisacre a "dynamic, immensely talented, intelligence professional who led from the front by personal, selfless example."

An emotional Bisacre acknowledged the unit's Soldiers and civilians who recently returned from combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. "You truly honor us with your presence," said Bisacre.

Bisacre thanked Kimmons and Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander, the Army's deputy chief of staff, for their leadership and mentorship in creating a positive command environment. He said the unit has "excelled in moving across the worldwide battlefield in our never ending quest to defeat foreign intelligence service operations against us."

Bisacre expressed his pride in the unit's accomplishments and credited its ability to rise to "every challenge" with a spirit and cohesion.

Bisacre commended Potter for his service at INSCOM and welcomed his partnership in the future leadership of the 902d. "Best wishes and enjoy the ride," said Bisacre.

Potter said the 902d has been a source of inspiration to him. "Whether it was deploying Soldiers and civilians to Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay, or other places throughout the world, when the tough missions arose, I instinctively looked the 902d," he said. "The Group has a reputation and always exceeds expectations."

Potter said in the continuing war against global terrorism, the war "will be won by the unsung, quiet professionals like the ones you see represented before you."

Potter is a native of Connecticut and was commissioned in the Military Intelligence Corps through the ROTC program at the University of Vermont in 1984.

A patriotic tribute

His past assignments include Deputy G2 and Executive Officer, 313 Military Intelligence Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division Fort Bragg, Intelligence Observer/Controller, Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, KS, G2 and 110th Military Intelligence

Battalion Commander, 10th Mountain Division.

Potter's military education includes the Military Intelligence Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses and the Counterintelligence Course at Fort Huachuca, AR; the Combined Arms Staff Service School; the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, and the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

A musical prelude performed by the 389th Army Band opened the ceremony. 1st Lt. Christine Chambers welcomed several military dignitaries, including Installation Commander Col. John W. Ives, and his wife, Diana, as well as family members, friends and military colleagues. The unit's chaplain, Maj. Ernest Vermont, then gave the invocation.

Potter's wife, Veronica, and his mother, Cindy, each received a bouquet of flowers, along with Bisacre's wife, Paula, his mother, Ethel, and his mother-in-law Andrea. Gloria Raynor, Bisacre's former secretary, also received a bouquet.

Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, the 308th Military Intelligence Battalion, the 310th Military Intelligence Battalion and the Foreign Counterintelligence Agency, subordinates of the 902d, then presented the unit's colors.

A short film tracing the unit's 60-year history was shown followed by the national anthem. Potter and Bisacre then participated in the formal change of command.

An inspirational film paying tribute to the civilians and Soldiers of the 902d then followed. A backdrop to the film was an audio tape of "An American Soldier," the popular song by country-western singer Toby Keith.

The ceremony ended with a retirement of the colors and a rendition of "The Army Song."

A reception was later held at Burba Lake cottage.