

902d welcomes new commander

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Col. Ginger T. Pratt, outgoing commander of the 902d Military Intelligence Group, addresses the crowd of well-wishers at the change of command ceremony. -

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Soldiers, civilians, families and well-wishers came together Friday at McGlachlin Parade Field here for the 902d Military Intelligence (MI) Group change of command.

Col. Ginger T. Pratt said goodbye as she welcomed Col. Michael D. Bisacre as commander, 902d MI Group.

Maj. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, was the key speaker of the ceremony.

"When we evaluate commanders we need only to look at their soldiers," Alexander said. "So let me commend and thank you great Deuce troopers for your sustained record of excellence. The 902d is an indispensable asset to our Army, our nation and to our homeland defense. Your dedication to mission and excellence ensures the integrity of Army technologies and systems and saves countless American lives."

Before leaving for Northern Command, Colorado Springs, Colo. Pratt shared heartfelt comments with the 902d MI Group team.

"Thank you soldiers and civilians, and that includes contractors, for giving of your talents as counterintelligence professionals and counterintelligent support professionals," she said. "When I assumed command in 2000, I told you what you do matters. Look where you stand today."

As incoming commander, Bisacre said he was honored and humbled to assume command of the 902d MI Group, recognizing the unit for their highly trained, dedicated and professional soldiers and civilians.

Bisacre's past assignments include Fort Hood, Texas, with numerous positions including C Company Commander at the 312th MI Battalion; collection operations officer, U.S. Forces Korea, Yongson, Korea; Joint Chief of Staff intern at the Pentagon, and later with the Counterespionage Battalion (Technical), 902d MI Group; U.S. Pacific Command, Hawaii as the Intelligence Battle Staff Officer; and 2nd Infantry Division,

Korea. He also commanded the 716th MI Battalion, 902d MI Group here and as director of the Army Cryptologic Office at the National Security Agency.

Bisacre graduated from Norwich University, Vt., and entered the Army as a military intelligence officer in 1980.

He attended the Military Intelligence Officers Basic and Advanced courses, Strategic Intelligence Analyst Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Army Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College Joint Professional Military Education Course and the Naval War College.

Bisacre's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (one oak-leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (four oak-leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal (one oak-leaf cluster), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (one oak-leaf cluster). Other decorations include the Parachutist badge, Aviation Crew badge and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification badge.