



Passing Authority

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The senior non-commissioned officers of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Mid-course Defense) passed the sword to a new enlisted leader during a Change of Responsibility ceremony here Oct. 18.

MSG Robert Cunningham was appointed to first sergeant before he was passed the sword signifying his new responsibility as the first sergeant of the 100th MDB.

“I’d like to first express my humble gratitude for being given the opportunity to serve you as your new first sergeant”, said Cunningham.

“It will be my passion to ensure all Soldiers will receive quality leadership, training and mentorship within all levels of the brigade.”

Passing off to him the responsibility was MSG William Ray, who served the 100th as first sergeant for the past four years and will be moving into the operations section of the brigade.

During the ceremony, the leaders spoke to Soldiers about the work they have done as a unit and how each will do their part to make sure the transition is smooth.

The Headquarter and Headquarters Battery commander talked about the impact MSG Ray had made on him over the last four years and how he has been helped out by



CPT William Shanahan, Headquarter and Headquarters Battery commander, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense), passes the sword to 1SG Robert Cunningham during the Change of Responsibility ceremony at brigade headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 18, 2011.

him.

“I can honestly say that he made every decision with the best interest of the battery in mind and always thought about the battery first,” said Shanahan. “He’s taught me a lot and I’ll miss him.”

Shanahan also advised the Soldiers to heed his example.

“NCO’s, I would encourage you to follow his example and always think of what’s best for the battery, the unit or the Army,” added Shanahan.

As a gift, Shanahan gave Ray a new red pen to use on his operation

orders he will be doing as the units’ operations sergeant.

Ray finished off his comments to the brigade by addressing a few special Soldiers.

“I can’t stay up here and thank everybody that’s helped me out,” said Ray. “But I have been taught a lot of things by SFC Rene Saiz, SSG Reeder and MSG Eddie Negron; so, we all learn and hopefully I have taught you something.”

But as one man leaves his leadership role, the next one has to keep it going.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8 Dec- Mandatory Training at 10:00 am in Bde. classroom

29 Dec- Army Warrior Training at 08:00 am in Bde. classroom.

16 Dec- The Brigade's Christmas Party is going to be held at Jack Quinn's Irish Pub on 21 S. Tejon St. Colorado Springs, CO. Costs \$12 per adult and \$6 per child.

Adult Menu:

- Celtic Reuben
- Ale House Fish & Chips
- Grand Ole' Irish Stew
- Homemade Chicken Pot Pie
- Bangers & Mash

*All meals include fountain drinks

Kids Menu:

- Grilled Cheese
- Cheeseburger
- Battered Fish
- Chicken Tenders
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

All meals include fountain drink, choice of side, and ice cream



Congratulations to MAJ Matthew Pollock and MAJ Jeffrey Anderson for their promotions in November!

Please remember to get your 4100's, Bio sketch and other promotion items in by Jan 1, 2012.

Don't forget, we have a Facebook page with up-to-date information regarding the brigade! Log on to Facebook and go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/100th-Missile-Defense-Brigade-Current/146321062051296> and hit 'LIKE' to follow.



Welcome to the first installment of the monthly 100th Missile Defense Brigade newsletter. The intent is to communicate on a wide variety of issues, both military and not-military nature. If it's interesting, informative, updates, relevant or even mandatory, we'll place it here. We welcome photos, suggestions, news information, and updates from anyone in the Bde. We want to illustrate more than just our jobs because we all have lives outside the unit. This is a chance to highlight important events and information to the rest of the unit. This will work, but only with your involvement and contributions.

We will use this format to keep you informed about military events (AFPT, mandatory classes and briefings, etc.) and other related issues (important dates, FRG events etc.). This will be used for your family to get to know the unit better. It will take a few months to get the correct format, but with your help, we can make this very successful.

I look forward to your input, and I am available if you have any questions about the newsletter. For submissions, please send them to 1SG Robert Cunningham (robert.cunningham@us.army.mil) or SGT Benjamin Crane (benjamin.d.crane@us.army.mil).

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JOB WELL DONE

The 100th Missile Defense Brigade recently presented Soldiers of the Brigade several awards for their achievements. Here is a list of who the Soldiers were.

1. SPC Cristina Cost: Coin for Excellence
2. 2LT Christina Cornejo: Coin for Excellence
3. SFC Bryan Ginnett: AAM for Honor GRAD SLC PH 1
4. CPT Pryor: AAM for GTEC Honor Grad
5. SSG Andrew Knight: ARCOM for GTEC Distinguished Honor Grad
6. CPT Gabe Stokes: ARCOM for GTEC Distinguished Honor Grad
7. SSG Biff Yelensky: ARCOM PCS from CA/DET 1
8. CPT Jefferey Craver: ARCOM from PCS (Recruiting and Retention)
9. 1SG Daniel Cardoza: PCS MSM for SVC w/ 100th
10. MAJ Timothy Shaffer: MSM for SVC w/ 100th



CPT. William Shanahan awards MSG William Ray a new red ink pen for the work he has done during his time as the unit's first sergeant during the 100th Missile Defense Brigade's change of Responsibility ceremony Oct. 18, 2011. (U.S. Army photo by SSG Clay Mullins, 100th Missile Defense Brigade)

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Cunningham laid out his plans and expectations while addressing his new unit.

"I will provide the total success through NCO DP (Non-commissioned officer's development program) and all categories of training," said Cunningham. "I expect NCO's to be the example, know their Soldiers and train them. Do what is expected as a leader; to include implied tasks. I expect all Soldiers to live the Army Values and the Warrior Ethos and to instill them in your subordinates and peer alike."

Cunningham also challenged

leaders to take care of the brigade as a whole not as individuals and to take the Army Values to heart. He closed with a message for the troop's to take home with them. "I realize there are many expectations in place set and improved by the previous leadership," said Cunningham. "I hope to meet and exceed those expectations. Once again, I would like to thank those in attendance for your service to this great nation and the opportunity to serve you. Go home and thank your families. For they are the backbone of the Soldiers, as NCO's are the backbone of the Army."



Thanks for donating toys for the Toys For Tots collection. Over one hundred toys were collected.



THE PHOTO WALL



COL Gregory Bowen presented coins and letters of appreciation to the wellbriety Native Americans Nov. 15, 2011 at SMDC/AR-STRAT. (U.S. Army photo taken by CPT Michael Odgers)

CSM Russell Hamilton runs with the formation during the Space and Missile Defense Command's Veterans Day fun run on Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 9, 2011. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Benjamin Crane)



COL Michael Yowell leads the formation during the Space and Missile Defense Command's Veterans Day fun run on Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 9, 2011. (U.S. Army photo by SGT Benjamin Crane)



(Top) CPT Joseph Leppert and wife Nelli receive glasses, hats and other gifts from the S-2 shop during the units Hail and Farewell ceremony held at Solos Aviation Restaurant Oct. 14, 2011. The Lepperts will be leaving the brigade to go work in Fort Greely, Alaska with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion. (U.S. Army photo taken by SGT Benjamin Crane)



(Right) COL Gregory Bowen shakes MSG William Ray's hand after the Brigade's Change of Responsibility ceremony Oct. 18, 2011. (U.S. Army photo taken by SSG Clay Mullins)



ISG Robert Cunningham took over responsibility for the Brigade from MSG William Ray on Oct. 18, 2011. (U.S. Army photo taken by SSG Clay Mullins)