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LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Air National Guard senior leadership team begins a week-long transformation tomorrow.

In a ceremony scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 5, at the Offutt AFB Patriot Club Main Ballroom, Brig. Gen. Robert Bailey, deputy adjutant general for Nebraska, will preside over change of command ceremonies for the 170th Operations Support Squadron and 170th Group.

Lt. Col. Mark H. White of Bellevue will relinquish command of the 170th Operations Support Squadron at Offutt to Lt. Col. Tami S. Thompson, also of Bellevue. Thompson, an intelligence officer, is currently serving as the director of Operations for the unit. She is a graduate of Iowa State University and also has a Master's Degree from Bellevue University.

White will replace Col. Richard J. Evans III of Lincoln as the commander of the 170th Group. The 170th Group is the Nebraska Guard's headquarters organization at Offutt, overseeing operations of two squadrons and all Guard personnel assigned to support the active duty 55th Wing. White, is a native of Indiana who previously served on active duty for 14 years before joining the Guard in 2002.

Evans is being reassigned to Lincoln to take command of the Guard's 155th Air Refueling Wing, based at the Lincoln Municipal Airport. That change of command ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The 155th is the Nebraska Air Guard's largest organization, with over 850 personnel assigned, an annual budget of \$55 million and assets worth over \$750 million. The unit operates nine KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft around the world supporting routine and combat operations.

Evans is originally from Omaha, Nebraska, where he graduated from Northwest High School and the Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha. He has been a member of the Nebraska Air Guard since 1984.

Evans will replace Col. Steven L. Adams, who is expected to move to Joint Force Headquarters, Nebraska later this year as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air. Adams has commanded the 155th since 2004. He is a native of Fullerton and graduate of the Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has served 35 years in the military, including service as both an enlisted member and officer.