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Pardy named new 196th MEB commander

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Col. Patrick Pardy, of Howard, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard’s 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade from Col. Terry Ommen during a change of command ceremony Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Sioux Falls National Guard armory.

Pardy will now oversee the unit that Ommen led since July 2013. Ommen will become the new United States Property and Fiscal Officer for the SDNG.

As the commander of the 196th, Pardy is responsible for the command and control of approximately 1,900 Soldiers, which is comprised of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, 153rd Engineer Battalion, 1-147th Field Artillery Battalion and its subordinate units.

Taking over the command, Pardy will continue to ensure that these units are equipped, manned, trained and prepared to carry out their state and federal missions.

Pardy began his military service in 1986 enlisting as a combat engineer in Howard. He received his commission as a second lieutenant through the ROTC program at the University of South Dakota in December 1992.

Pardy has held command and staff positions within the 153rd Engineer Battalion, 109th Engineer Group, 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade and Joint Force Headquarters. He commanded the 153rd Engineer Battalion from September 2011 through August 2013.

Pardy has completed two tours of duty in Afghanistan, one with the 109th Engineer Group from 2004-2005 and a second tour with the 196th MEB from May 2010 to May 2011.

In his civilian capacity, Pardy is circuit court judge in South Dakota’s Third Circuit Court in Madison.

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Col. Patrick Pardy: (U.S. Army National Guard file photo/Released)

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