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SD Guard's 115th Signal Company changes command

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Capt. Billy Boyd, of Brookings, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 115th Signal Company during a change of command ceremony, Sept. 11, at the Brookings armory.

Boyd assumed command from Capt. Carlton Willems, of Aberdeen, who served in the position since September 2014.

"It's exciting," said Boyd. "I was an enlisted Soldier, a platoon leader and executive officer in this unit - so it feels like coming back home."

Boyd, originally from Monticello, Ark., joined the Arkansas National Guard in 2004 as a multiple launch rocket system specialist before transferring to the SDARNG, where he's served in both the Field Artillery and Signal Corps.

The 115th Signal Company provides 24-hour operational command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance signal systems network to a supported brigade, which includes deploying, installing, operating and maintaining the systems.

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160911-Z-ZZ999-001: U.S. Army Capt. Billy Boyd, center right, incoming commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 115th Signal Company, receives the unit guidon from Lt. Col. Jason Kettwig during a change of command ceremony at the Brookings armory, Sept. 11, 2016. The passing of the colors symbolizes the new commander's assumption of control. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Jared Lampe)



160911-Z-ZZ999-002: U.S. Army Capt. Billy Boyd, incoming commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard's the 115th Signal Company, speaks to the Soldiers following his Sept. 11, 2016, change of command ceremony in Brookings, S.D. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Jared Lampe)

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