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2-196th RTI changes command

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Lt. Col. Greg Darlow, of Rapid City, is the new commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) in Sioux Falls.

Lt. Col. Darlow assumed command of the unit July 20 from Lt. Col. Martin Yost, who commanded the battalion since October 1, 2018.

"I am humbled and honored that the leadership of the SDARNG bestowed the privilege of commanding the outstanding Soldiers of the 2-196th RTI." Darlow said after accepting command. "Lt. Col. Martin Yost had an incredible command, and I want to thank him for leading this battalion and exceeding the standards at every level. I look forward to serving with the men and women of the 2-196th RTI, as well as providing the very best training and education to all Soldiers to meet the ever-increasing demands that face our state and nation."

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Darlow currently serves as the full-time deputy G4 at Joint Force Headquarters for the SDARNG, where he oversees supply, logistics, and surface maintenance sections for the SDARNG. He has been a member of the SDARNG since Oct. 20, 1988.

Yost is now assigned to the 196th Movement Enhancement Brigade, where he will serve as part of the unit's upcoming mobilization. Yost serves as the full-time director of Construction Facilities Management Officer at Joint Force Headquarters for the SDARNG, which encompasses all construction and repairs for facilities managed by the SDARNG.

"Since assuming command of the 2-196th in October of 2018, I have observed the soldiers of the battalion and soldiers from across the United States that we have trained, and I have been extremely impressed by their abilities and performance of our instructors and soldiers," said Yost. "This command was an enormously uplifting and rejuvenating experience for me, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve with the finest soldiers as the commander of the 2-196th RTI."

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200720-Z-A3566-0001: U.S. Army Lt. Col. Greg Darlow, center, incoming commander of the South Dakota National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute), prepares to receive the unit colors from Lt. Col. Martin Yost, outgoing commander, in Sioux Falls, S.D., July 20, 2020. The 2-196th RTI provides a model environment for training future leaders for the Army National Guard and provides general instruction on a variety of military courses to improve soldier and unit readiness. (U.S Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Bierman)



200720-Z-A3566-0002: U.S. Army Lt. Col. Greg Darlow, right, incoming commander of the South Dakota National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute), stands with outgoing commander Lt. Col. Martin Yost, left, along with Col. Patrick Stapleton, commander 196th Regiment (RTI) in Sioux Falls, S.D., July 20, 2020. The 2-196th RTI provides a model environment for training future leaders for the Army National Guard and provides general instruction on a variety of military courses to improve soldier and unit readiness. (U.S Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Bierman)