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Stiles assumes command of 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Col. Phillip R. Stiles, of Rapid City, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard’s 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade during a change of command ceremony in Sioux Falls, Oct. 2.

Stiles assumed command from Col. David Dailey, of Sturgis, who served in the position since March 2019. As commander, Stiles is responsible for the command and control of three battalions, which are comprised of 12 units totaling more than 1,600 soldiers in 15 communities throughout South Dakota. The 196th assists assigned units in meeting training, administrative, and logistical requirements to maintain the units’ readiness in support of state and federal missions.

“I appreciate everyone’s efforts, stepping up to the plate, and I could not have ask for a better group soldiers to lead,” said Dailey. “I cannot wait to see what this unit accomplishes in the future.”

“I want to thank Col. Dailey and all the other staff officers for setting me up for success in this command,” said Stiles “I will work as hard as I possibly can to make this unit successful.”

Stiles joined the Army in 1986 as tank crewman and subsequently served in the Arkansas and Nebraska National Guard prior to joining the South Dakota National Guard in 1993. He received his commission from the University of South Dakota. Col. Stiles education includes a Bachelor of Science of Science in Biology, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD.

Stiles is a licensed attorney in South Dakota and is the managing partner of Costello Porter Law Firm in Rapid City. Stiles is married to his wife, Jennifer, and they have two children, Ryan and Kayli.

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Col. Phillip Stiles: Commander of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Dakota Army National Guard. (U.S. Army National Guard file photo)



100221-Z-VD828-0229: Incoming 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade commander, U.S. Army Col. Phillip Stiles, right, accepts the brigade colors from Brig. Gen. Michael Oster, assistant adjutant general, South Dakota Army National Guard, at a change of command ceremony in Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 2, 2021. Stiles took command from Col. David Dailey, who commanded the MEB since 2019. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Brandon Julson)