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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **MARINE AVIATION WEAPONS AND TACTICS SQUADRON ONE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY**

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz.- Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One is scheduled to hold a change of command ceremony at the parade deck aboard the air station May 12, 2016.

Col. James H. Adams, commanding officer, MAWTS-1, will relinquish command of the squadron to Col. James B. Wellons. Adams became the commanding officer of MAWTS-1 in May 2014. Wellons will assume command after serving as executive officer for U.S. Southern Command.

The mission of MAWTS-1 is to provide standardized advanced tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications that support Marine Aviation training and readiness, and to provide assistance in the development and employment of aviation weapons and tactics.

#### **\*\*\*\*MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS\*\*\*\***

**Media interested in covering this event must email the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at [SMBPLMSCOMBATCENTERPAO@usmc.mil](mailto:SMBPLMSCOMBATCENTERPAO@usmc.mil) and must RSVP no later than 2:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, MAY 11. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at the AIR STATION MAIN GATE at 8:00 a.m. on THURSDAY, MAY 12 to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least 3 hours.**