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MAGTFTC/MCAGCC CHANGE OF COMMAND

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. –

Major General Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, is scheduled to relinquish command of Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command/ Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., to Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen III at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, July 14, 2016.

Since July 2014, Craparotta has commanded MAGTFTC/MCAGCC and is scheduled to assume command of I Marine Expeditionary Force. Mullen recently served as the Director of Operations in the Combined Joint Operations Center in Baghdad.

MAGTFTC's mission is to manage the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Program and conduct service-level Marine Air Ground Task Force combined arms training to enhance the combat readiness of the operating forces and support the Marine Corps' responsibilities to national security.

MCAGCC's mission is to provide a standard of excellence in managing facilities, services and support to the operating forces and families, in order to ensure readiness of the tenant and resident commands aboard the Combat Center.

****MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS****

Media interested in covering this event must email the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at SMBPLMSCOMBATCENTERPAO@usmc.mil and must RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, JULY 12. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at the COMBAT CENTER'S MAIN GATE on Adobe Road at 8:00 a.m. on THURSDAY, JULY 14, to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least 2 hours.