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101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Change of Command Ceremony

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) will host a Change of Command Ceremony to welcome the incoming Commanding General, Maj. Gen. David Gardner as he assumes command from Maj. Gen. Brett Sylvia, May 30.

The change of command ceremony is a tradition where the outgoing commander relinquishes command and authority by symbolically passing the division's colors to the presiding officer, who then hands the colors to the incoming commander, thus beginning a new chapter for the division. The presiding officer for the ceremony will be Lt. Gen. Gregory K. Anderson, commanding general, XVIII Airborne Corps.

Sylvia assumed command of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell on 20 July 2023. During his tenure, the Division pioneered the development of a unique Large-Scale, Long-Range Air Assault (L2A2) capability, and led the U.S. Army in its 'Transformation in Contact' initiative, designed to both prepare the Division for future, large-scale combat operations and to inform the Army on force design and equipment modernization initiatives. In addition to a robust training mission at Fort Campbell and elsewhere, the Division deployed Soldiers to North Carolina for Hurricane Helene relief efforts; the U.S. Central Command area of operations for Operation Inherent Resolve; multiple European countries in support of Operation European Assure, Deter, and Reinforce; and the U.S. southern border to support Joint Task-Force Southern Border.

Gardner is arriving to Fort Campbell from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Training (G-3/5/7), U.S. Army Forces Command.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY FOR COVERAGE

Media interested in covering the event please RSVP to martin.j.meiners.mil@army.mil no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, May 29. Media will meet with the public affairs escort, at the Gate 4 Visitor's Control Center, 5004 Screaming Eagle Blvd., Fort Campbell, KY 42223 at **8:45 a.m. on May 30**. Media must obtain a visitor pass; passes can be obtained the day of the event at the visitor control center or online at <https://pass.aie.army.mil/>

What: 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Change of Command

When: 9:30 a.m. May 30, 2025

Where: Division Parade Field, Fort Campbell, Ky.

RSVP Info: Name, outlet, type of interview (on camera or print, both). Maj. Gen. Gardner will be available briefly after the ceremony. Questions in advance are appreciated but not required.

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