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Former Landstuhl commander takes charge of ERMCM

HEIDELBERG, Germany – With the ceremonial passing of the colors, Col. Jeffrey Clark assumed command of the Europe Regional Medical Command from Brig. Gen. Nadja West May 8 at Patton Barracks in Heidelberg.

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho presided over the ceremony. Clark was previously the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center commander, while West has been selected to become the Assistant Surgeon General for Force Sustainment in the Falls Church, Va., office of the Army Surgeon General. The ERMCM commander is also the U.S. Army Europe command surgeon.

Horoho praised both the outgoing and incoming commanders during her comments.

“With me today at this change of command are two of the most competent, committed and courageous Soldiers and leaders in Army Medicine – Brigadier General Nadja West and Colonel Jeffrey B. Clark,” Horoho said. “Changes of command provide the perfect opportunity to reflect on Leadership. It is possible that no two people define leadership in the same terms but most of us conclude that we know it when we see it. It is visibly present today.”

West, who assumed command of ERMCM in May 2010, said unit’s success is the result of dedicated people throughout Europe.

“There are literally thousands of people who deserve my heartfelt thanks for making this command a success, over 6,700 of them in ERMCM alone,” West said. “Unfortunately time will not permit me to call the rest of you by name, but you know who you are and know that you have my utmost appreciation for all that you did and continue to do every day to make this the best region in the entire (Army Medical Command).”

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She also said that Clark, who has been nominated for promotion to brigadier general, is the right person at the right time to command ERMC.

“Your firsthand knowledge of the region will be vital to ensuring the KMC project stays on course and that all of the transformation-associated changes in the region are flawlessly executed,” West said of Clark. The KMC project is a proposed replacement hospital in the Kaiserslautern area that will combine both the current Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and Ramstein Air Base Clinic.

Clark thanked Horoho for the opportunity to command ERMC and pledged to “...take full advantage of the inherent opportunities during this time of transformation, for there is always great opportunity during times of great change.”

“We will efficiently and cost effectively improve the experience of care as we move from a health care system to a system of health focused on the well-being of those we are privileged to serve,” Clark said to the crowd of more than 200 people who attended the ceremony. “And we will remain trained and ready, maintain the stance to address any operational contingency. Our proximity to the Middle East and Africa, and our strong alliance with our NATO and other coalition partners mandate that we do so.”

The Europe Regional Medical Command serves U.S. Army Europe, U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S Central Command Warriors serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The command operates 17 military treatment facilities throughout Germany, Italy and Belgium, including Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.