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Media Advisory **EACH hosts Change of Command**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Fort Carson and Evans Army Community Hospital (EACH) will conduct a change of command ceremony Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. at Fort Carson.

The ceremony can be viewed at www.facebook.com/EvansArmyCommunityHospital.

During the ceremony, Col. Eric S. Edwards will relinquish command of EACH to Col. Kevin R. Bass.

Bass, a Medical Service Corps officer, has commanded medical units at various levels and served in key positions throughout U.S. Army Medical Command. Prior to his assignment here, Bass served as the Assistant Deputy of Health Affairs, Assistant Secretary of the Army-Manpower and Reserve Affairs, in Washington, D.C. Previous to that assignment, he was the commander of U.S. Army Medical Activity at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Bass has deployed throughout the globe in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also deployed in support of disaster relief operations in Nicaragua and Albania. He has served in officer leadership positions from platoon leader, executive officer, company commander, and deputy commander.

Edwards assumed command of EACH on May 18, 2018. During Edwards' tenure, he led the organization with a focus on quality healthcare for over 60,000 beneficiaries at Fort Carson and throughout the Pikes Peak region. He also led the joint COVID-19 medical response for the installation and oversaw the hospital's transition to the Defense Health Agency. Edwards will serve as Director of the Strategic Initiatives Group for the Army Surgeon General in Washington, D.C.

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