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## Wolf assumes command of USACRC

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FORT RUCKER, Ala. (Oct. 17, 2008) – Army Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf assumed command of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center from Brig. Gen. William H. Forrester during a ceremony today in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

As an Army Staff Field Operating Agency, USACRC collects, analyzes and communicates information which assists Leaders, Soldiers, Families and Civilians in preserving and protecting the Army's combat resources.

In his opening remarks, Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr., Director of Army Staff, thanked the mayors of Ozark, Enterprise and Daleville for their support of the Army. "In Washington, D.C., we understand very clearly, and are so proud of this commitment, between these remarkable communities and Fort Rucker," said Huntoon.

"This is a magnificent example of the partnership of the community covenants that is so terribly important to our military culture today, in time of war," said Huntoon. "We say 'thank you' ... for the commitment you have shown our Soldiers and their Families for so long."

Huntoon expressed his deep appreciation for the outstanding service of every member of CRC. "This organization is central to the success of Army Safety. In these talented, committed and caring ranks are some of the finest professionals in our military service," said Huntoon.

Huntoon thanked Forrester for his contributions to Army safety and spoke of his role in shaping the Army's safety culture. "Under Bill Forrester, Army Safety has undergone substantive changes," said Huntoon. "He led the way for many initiatives focused on creating a cultural shift of Soldiers taking care of each other on and off duty."

"We mark the continuation of the cultural shift in the way we approach, and the way the Army executes, the protection of both our military and our civilian workforce," said Forrester. "Our Army is a values-based organization that secures its strength and resiliency from the individual members."

In recognition of the contributions of individual Soldiers, Forrester referenced the final line of the Warriors Ethos, "I will never leave a fallen comrade" and said the way we approach Army Safety today makes every Soldier in our formations part of the solution set.

"In a values-based organization, we take care of our own," said Forrester.

Huntoon characterized Forrester as a commander "who always looks after his troops" and recognized him as "central to the success of Army Safety". He commended Forrester's selfless service to others. "This great officer is a winner; a caring Leader and a complete professional," said Huntoon.

"Brigadier General Bill Wolf comes to us from an equally distinguished record of service to the nation ... this superb master aviator is an equally committed and caring Leader," said Huntoon.



Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf accepts the USACRC colors from Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon during the Oct. 17 change of command ceremony

Wolf is the former Deputy Commanding General for V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army in Heidelberg, Germany. Prior to serving as the Chief of Staff of Kosovo Forces Headquarters in Pristina, Kosovo, Wolf served as the deputy commanding general for the U. S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center.

Wolf congratulated Forrester and the CRC for their contributions to Army safety and awareness. "Today we are here to honor the dedicated professionals of the Army safety team," said Wolf. "Bill has done a superb job over the past two years and his predecessors before him."

Wolf said he and his wife are very excited to be back in the Wiregrass, among friends and the Fort Rucker Community. "To be a part of the superb and dedicated team of the Combat Readiness/Safety Center is more than we could ask for," said Wolf.