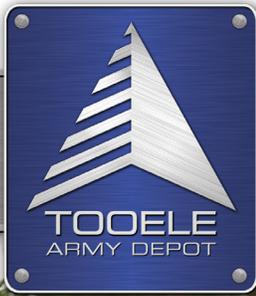


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Col. Yolanda C. Dennis-Lowman relinquished command of Tooele Army Depot to Col. Christopher O. Mohan, during a change of command ceremony on July, 12, 2011.

The time honored tradition was observed by the depot workforce, state and local community leaders, family and friends.

Brig. Gen. Gustave F. Perna, Commanding General, Headquarters, Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., presided over the ceremony, praising the work accomplished under Dennis-Lowman's command, and expressed great expectations for the depot under Mohan's leadership.

"I want to recognize the outstanding workforce of this impressive installation, whom some of you are third and fourth generation TEAD employees," said Perna during his speech. "Colonel Dennis-Lowman led this organization to achieve continued excellence in every facet, all the while supporting our Warfighters."

Perna highlighted TEAD's accomplishments under Dennis-Lowman's guidance, which included: the depot officially designated by the Secretary of the Army as a Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence (CITE) for Ammunition Peculiar Equipment (APE) maintenance; implementing the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP); receiving the OH-SAS 18001 (safety), ISO 9001:2008 (ammunition shipping/receiving and ammunition equipment and



Col. Yolanda C. Dennis-Lowman, left, Brig. Gen. Gustave F. Perna, center, and Col. Christopher O. Mohan conduct a change of command ceremony at Tooele Army Depot, July 12. (U.S. Army photo by Kathy Anderson)

manufacturing) and ISO 14001 (environmental) certifications, and the installation of the Army's first wind turbine.

During the ceremony, Dennis-Lowman expressed her thanks to everyone that she worked with over her three-year assignment. "It seems like only yesterday that I was standing here, expressing my excitement over assuming command," she said. "And now I stand here proudly before you, ready to relinquish command of the best organization in all of Army Material Command."

Mohan began his brief remarks by saying thanks to Brig. Gen. Perna, the senior leadership of the Army, Dennis-Lowman and her family, and the TEAD

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team. “This is truly a first class ceremony,” Mohan said. “I thank everyone for the very warm welcome. And to my fellow teammates on the Depot – you probably realized that I am a newcomer to this depot business. But that’s ok, because what I do know is that you are in the business of supporting Soldiers, and for the past 21 years, I’ve been doing just that – maybe at a different level, but still supporting Soldiers, so we speak the same language.”

Mohan came to Tooele after graduating from the Army War College in June 2011.

He has served three tours in both Iraq and

Afghanistan.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commemoration Medal (2 OLC), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal and Meritorious Unit Citation, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and German Parachutist Badge.

Mohan is accompanied on this assignment by his wife and three children.



23rd Army Band, Utah Army National Guard, plays for the Tooele change of command, July 12. (U.S. Army photo by Kathy Anderson)



Presentation of Colors presented by the Honor Guard, Utah Army National Guard. (U.S. Army photo by Kathy Anderson)

COVER PHOTO: Col. Yolanda C. Dennis-Lowman, left, Brig. Gen. Gustave F. Perna, center, and Col. Christopher O. Mohan enter the parade field for the change of command ceremony in a refurbished 1942 M37 3/4 Ton Cargo Truck, driven by Lee Nelson. (U.S. Army Photo by Alphonso Burger)

Change of command photos

(US Army Photos by Kathy Anderson, Larry Huffman and Alphonso Burger)



Sgt. 1st Class Michael C. Tredway, TEAD Health Clinic, presents Cindy Mohan, Mohan's wife, with the traditional bouquet of long stem roses, signifying the warm relationship that exists at the command and that will grow during her time here.



Col. Mohan accepts the depot colors from Brig. Gen. Perna during the change of command ceremony, July 12.



Col. Mohan gives remarks at the change of command, July 12.



State flags and static displays from the Ammunition Operations and Ammunition Equipment and Manufacturing Directorates were on display in front of the headquarters building.



Col. and Cindy Mohan and family stand in a receiving line as the depot workforce and visitors welcomed them to Tooele.