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842nd Engineer Company changes command

SPEARFISH, S.D. - Capt. Steven Polzen, Rapid City, will take command of 842nd Engineer Company, South Dakota Army National Guard during a change of command ceremony at 3 p.m. (MDT) on Sunday, July 8, on the lawn in front of the armory located at the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center in Spearfish.

“My goal is to train our Soldiers on the wartime and peacetime missions by thoroughly focusing on the force,” said Polzen, who is currently an assistant operations officer for the 153rd Engineer Battalion and works full time at Camp Rapid as a plans and programs specialist for the South Dakota National Guard.

The 842nd is currently headquartered in Spearfish with detachments in Sturgis, Belle Fourche and Lemmon with approximately 160 assigned personnel. The mission of the 842nd is to provide support with manned horizontal engineer construction equipment.

“The most memorable part of being commander of the 842nd was completing community projects,” said Capt. Dana Limbo, Sturgis, the current commander whose full-time position is also with the South Dakota National Guard’s plans and programs section. “When the unit was deployed, the community stepped up and was behind the 842nd, so it was nice to give back to them.”