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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

153rd Engineer Battalion changes command

HURON, S.D. – Lt. Col. Patrick Pardy, of Howard, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 153rd Engineer Battalion from Lt. Col. Joseph Eining, of Dell Rapids, during a change of command ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Huron National Guard armory.

Pardy, who has been a member of the National Guard for 26 years, will now oversee the Huron unit that Eining commanded since August 2009.

“My focus for the unit will be readiness. We are a country at war and we will be ready,” said Pardy, who served two deployment tours in Afghanistan, and recently returned from overseas in May with the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade of Sioux Falls.”

As the commander of the 153rd, Pardy is responsible for the command and control of about 870 Soldiers in 14 separate units and communities throughout South Dakota. The 153rd assists assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical requirements to maintain the unit's readiness in support of their state and federal missions.

In civilian life, Pardy works an attorney for the State of South Dakota's Department of Corrections.

Lt. Col. Eining will be assigned to the 196th as the deputy commander.

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Lt. Col. Patrick Pardy: Lt. Col. Patrick Pardy, of Howard, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 153rd Engineer Battalion during a change of command ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, at the Huron National Guard armory. (SDNG file photo) (RELEASED)



IMG_4086: 153rd Engineer Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Burgeson (center) hands the 153rd's colors to outgoing commander Lt. Col. Joseph Eining, of Dell Rapids, during the unit's change of command ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, at the Huron National Guard armory. (SDNG photo) (RELEASED)

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