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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **1-147th Field Artillery Battalion changes command**

WATERTOWN, S.D. – Lt. Col. Bruce Carter, Watertown native now living in Rapid City, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery from Lt. Col. David Chase, of Wahpeton, N.D., during a change of command ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Watertown National Guard armory.

Carter, who has been a member of the National Guard for 25 years, will now oversee the battalion that Chase commanded since July 2008.

"I am truly honored and blessed to be taking command of the 147th Field Artillery Battalion," said Carter. "Being in command is the best position to influence and train Soldiers to be the best they can be. We have some of the finest and brightest Soldiers in the nation in this battalion and I am looking forward to doing what this battalion does best...shoot rockets."

As the commander of the 147th, Carter is responsible for the command and control of three Multiple Launch Rocket System batteries and one forward support company – totaling approximately 480 Soldiers in six communities throughout eastern South Dakota.

Carter is a full-time employee for the South Dakota Army National Guard as the state mobilization readiness division chief.

Lt. Col. Chase will be assigned to Joint Force Headquarters, of Rapid City, as the director of operations.

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