

# South Dakota National Guard

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **155th Engineer Company changes command**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Capt. Michael Bierle, of Sturgis, is the new commander of South Dakota Army National Guard’s 155th Engineer Company.

Bierle received command of the unit Nov. 4, from Capt. Sarah Holt, of Windom, Minn., who commanded the unit since November 2010.

“Capt. Holt did an outstanding job commanding this unit,” said Bierle. “I am looking forward to building on to what she has accomplished with this unit. In today’s military we need to be ready to deploy overseas and my focus will be taking care of Soldiers and their readiness.”

The 155th Engineer Company is a vertical engineer company capable of providing engineering support in the construction of base camps and interment facilities, as well as to construct repair and maintain other vertical infrastructures in support of units within a brigade combat team, division or corps.

With more than 150 members assigned, the unit is split into four separate detachments with the Headquarters Company located in Rapid City, Detachment 1 in Winner, Detachment 2 in Platte and Detachment 3 in Wagner. The unit as a whole contains a variety of military occupational specialties to include carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry services.

In civilian life, Bierle is a full-time student at Black Hills State University studying English Education. He has been a member of the Army National Guard for 13 years.

Holt, the departing commander, will become the personnel officer at the 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute.

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**Capt. Michael Bierle:** Capt. Michael Bierle, of Sturgis, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard’s 155th Engineer Company during a change of command ceremony Nov. 4, 2011. (SDNG file photo) (RELEASED)



**110910-A-CW157-001:** Lt. Col. Patrick Pardy (right), 153rd Engineer Battalion commander, passes the 155th Engineer Company guidon to the new commander, Capt. Michael Bierle, of Sturgis, during the change of command ceremony for the 155th Engineer Company Nov. 4, 2011. The passing of the guidon is a time honored tradition signifying the responsibility associated with the command. (SDNG photo by Staff Sgt. Christina Sihrer) (RELEASED)

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