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38th Troop Command gets new senior enlisted leader

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Col. Tim Brower, commander of 38th Troop Command, Alaska Army National Guard, presided over a change of responsibility ceremony here, March 30, where Command Sgt. Maj. Maureen Meehan, the outgoing 38th TC senior noncommissioned officer, relinquished her position to Command Sgt. Maj. John Phlegar.

During the ceremony, Brower explained the importance of the senior enlisted position.

"The command sergeant major is the senior noncommissioned officer of the brigade and is responsible for carrying out policies and enforcing standards for the performance, training, and conduct of enlisted Soldiers," said Brower.

Brower also took a moment to bid farewell to Meehan, who took a three-year tour at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"This is an incredible professional development opportunity," exclaimed Brower. "She will earn a master's degree in higher education from Penn State University her first year, and she will serve as an instructor at the academy her second and third years."

Phlegar also extended his gratitude for the work of his predecessor.

"Thank you for being a mentor and role model for all the Soldiers within the brigade," Phlegar said to Meehan. "You truly are a professional, and I am excited to inherit your fantastic team of trusted military professionals. Your leadership and dedication to the brigade will not be forgotten."

Phlegar went on to express his gratitude for those who took personal interest in his own professional development, and he promised that he too would continue to live the Army values.

"Officers, NCO's, and Soldiers of the 38th Troop command," said Phlegar, "I pledge to abide by the NCO Creed, the Army values, and the Army Command policy and doctrine. I cannot wait to get to know each of you and find a way to invest in your growth, just as so many have done for me throughout the years."

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Photos

1. **Attached pdf** includes story and a small selection of low-resolution photos for viewing on screen.
2. **DVIDS link** includes selected full-resolution photos. (Accessible from military computers.)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/392771/38th-troop-command-gets-new-senior-enlisted-leader>

3. **AKNG official site**

<https://ak.ng.mil/Media/News/Article/2557519/38th-troop-command-gets-new-senior-enlisted-leader/>



Col. Richard Koch, Alaska Army National Guard chaplain, leads a prayer at the 38th Troop Command change of responsibility ceremony on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, March 30. Command Sgt. Maj. John Phlegar assumed the role as the senior enlisted leader from Command Sgt. Maj. Maureen Meehan, making Phlegar the senior noncommissioned officer in charge of the brigade. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Edward Eagerton)



Col. Tim Brower (center), commander of 38th Troop Command, Alaska Army National Guard, passes the ceremonial scepter to Command Sgt. Maj. John Phlegar (right) during a change of responsibility ceremony on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, March 30. Phlegar assumed the role as the senior enlisted leader from Command Sgt. Maj. Maureen Meehan (left), making Phlegar the senior noncommissioned officer in charge of the brigade. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Edward Eagerton)



Command Sgt. Maj. John Phlegar (center), the incoming senior noncommissioned officer in charge, 38th Troop Command, Alaska Army National Guard, inspects the ceremonial scepter during a change of responsibility ceremony on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, March 30. Phlegar assumed the role as the senior enlisted leader from Command Sgt. Maj. Maureen Meehan (left), making Phlegar the senior noncommissioned officer in charge of the brigade. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Edward Eagerton)



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