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JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, CUBA. – Rear Adm. John Ring took command of Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, from Rear Adm. Edward Cashman during a change of command ceremony April 17, at the Naval Station Chapel, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Admiral Kurt Tidd, Commander, United States Southern Command, presided over the ceremony.

“Commanding a Joint Task Force is a unique leadership opportunity that I wholeheartedly look forward to-I plan on applying the leadership skills I have developed over a 30 year career in taking care of our Troops and ensuring safe, humane, care and custody of the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) detainees at Guantanamo. I have an amazing team to back me up. We are going to do good things here,” said Rear Adm. Ring during the ceremony.

Asked to comment on his priorities as the new Commander, Ring stated the need to update temporary, expeditionary facilities and infrastructure, such as housing for Troops, and continue working on consolidating detention operations to become more efficient and effective.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo’s motto, “Honor Bound to Defend Freedom”, exemplifies the professionalism and dedication of the military personnel who accomplish the JTF’s mission of safe and humane care and custody of Law of Armed Conflict detainees. JTF Guantanamo also supports the Office of Military Commissions, the Periodic Review Secretariat’s administration of the Periodic review Board Process, and federal Habeas litigation.

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