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Fort Carson WTB welcomes a new commander

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Lt. Col. Mechelle Tuttle handed the reins of the Fort Carson Warrior Transition Battalion over to Lt. Col. Aaron Termain in a ceremony on March 21st at Founder's Plaza.

On a rare cloudy Colorado Springs day, they transferred the command and unit colors in front of Family, friends, colleagues, Soldiers and community partners.

Serving as reviewing officer at the ceremony, Col. John McGrath, Medical Department Activity Public Affairs commander, took to the podium to praise Tuttle's accomplishments and welcome the newest addition to the WTB.

McGrath recounted Tuttle's dedication to her Soldiers' healing and transition, her innovative solutions, and how the Fort Carson WTB has become a model for others.

"Lt. Col. Tuttle's greatest legacy is in the vast number of Soldiers she and her team have guided to either return to duty status or transitioned to become proud, productive and successful veterans in our communities. You can find these men and women thriving all over the United States. There is no greater measure of success," McGrath said.

An emotional Tuttle thanked the many community organizations, staff members and others who work together with the wounded, ill and injured service members on their recovery.

Tuttle said, "No day is the same. No job is the same. We are constantly facing unique challenges. We were always able to find a solution."

She pointed out that her time at the WTB will leave an indelible mark on more than just her career.

"The daily encounters I experienced with these inspiring men and women who faced daily struggles and fought for our freedoms will be forever etched in my mind," she said.

Then, with a laugh, she told the incoming commander that she was leaving her Blackberry phone on the podium for him. She now moves onto attending the U.S. Army War College.

McGrath expressed confidence that the WTB would remain in good hands under Termain.



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Termain said, "I'm profoundly thankful to be standing here today and I look forward to continuing the accomplishments made under Lt. Col. Tuttle."