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Tennessee's 168th Military Police Battalion holds Change of Command

TULLAHOMA, Tenn. – During a ceremony held at the Tennessee National Guard's Volunteer Training Site in Tullahoma, Maj. Robert Crowley assumed command of Dyersburg's 168th Military Police Battalion from Lt. Col. Jeromy Spellings, on March 21.

Held on the installation's largest weapons qualification ranges, the 168th welcomed their new commander and thanked Spellings for his committed service to the unit during the last two and a half years while leading the battalion.

"It has been a privilege to command such professional Soldiers," said Spellings during the ceremony. "I know you will keep setting the standard and excelling at everything you do."

Spellings next assignment is with the Facility Engineers at Nashville's Joint Forces Headquarters.

Crowley, who had served in the Army National Guard since 1996, said during the ceremony that he is excited for the opportunity to lead the unit and thanked Spellings for all that he had done.

"It is an honor to be back with the 168th and to be their commander," said Crowley. "They are a well-trained and highly motivated group of Soldiers with a long lineage and tradition of excellence."

Crowley served in the 168th MP Battalion as a platoon leader in 2005 and later deployed to Iraq with the 251st MP Company as a unit movement officer in 2007. Since then, he has held numerous key command and staff assignments in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Crowley has a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from Freed-Hardeman University.

Crowley resides in Middleton with his family.

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Col. John Kinton, commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade passes the 168th Military Police Battalion's colors to the incoming battalion commander, Maj. Robert Crowley. (Photo by retired Sgt. 1st Class William Jones)