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Kozak accepts command of Liberty Wing

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Col. Raymond A. Kozak accepted the role as commander of the 512th Airlift Wing in a ceremony here Sunday.

Kozak assumed the position from Col. Randal L. Bright following a four-year assignment as the director of Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters 4th Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

A C-17 pilot and U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, Kozak served seven years in the regular Air Force, four years in the Air National Guard and 17 years as part of the Air Force Reserve Command.

The new commander called the ceremony a humbling and inspiring moment.

"This is a proud moment for me," said Kozak. "I'm very happy and excited to be part of this team."

Kozak continued by explaining the importance of teamwork and how that will serve as his mantra during this time as the Liberty Wing commander.

Also known as the "Liberty Wing," the 512th AW is a subordinate of Fourth Air Force, headquartered at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., and Air Force Reserve Command, with its headquarters at Robins Air Reserve Base, Ga. The Liberty Wing consists of operations, maintenance and support groups, a medical squadron, and 15 units, of which one is a geographically separated unit at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Maj. Gen. Mark A. Kyle, commander of 4th Air Force, served as the presiding officer and addressed the crowd during the ceremony.



Fourth Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Mark A. Kyle (left) presents the 512th Airlift Wing guide-on to Col. Raymond A. Kozak, new commander of the 512th Airlift Wing. (Photo by Roland Balik)

"(Bright) has a ton of experience," said Kyle. "I'm sending him to (Air Force Reserve Command) to take his experience up to command level. He has raised the bar here, and I have no doubt that he'll raise the bar at (Robins Air Force Base, Ga.)."

As the outgoing commander, Bright becomes the chief of the Plans Division, Di-

rectorate of Strategic Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga., after five years at Dover AFB.

"It has been an honor to be your wing commander," said Bright. "You all have done great things, and I know that you will continue to do so with Colonel Kozak as your wing commander."

Just a click away

Bright heads South with fond memories of time at Dover

Yellow Ribbon Program helps bring families 'home'

Panetta: Service members must represent best of America

Command offers civilian retirement, separation incentives

ACC confident in F-22 on Southwest Asia deployment

Building resilience in children

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 263 will host a class to help parents build resilience in their children 3-4 p.m. May 14.

Participants will learn to identify resiliency traits in children, gain skills to help them increase a child's resiliency and network with each other.

The class is in the center's training room. Register on Leadership Pathways or by calling Sally Savoie at (302) 677-3258.

Yellow Ribbon Program lists destinations

Upcoming destinations for the Air Force Reserve Command's Yellow Ribbons Program in support of deploying reservists include Dallas June 22-24 and Orlando, Fla., July 27-29. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charles Thomson at (302) 677-3566. See related story link at left.