

2-1st ADA Regiment conducts transfer of authority ceremony

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CAMP CARROLL, South Korea -- The 2nd battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment officially assumed the air missile defense mission for the southern part of the Korean peninsula from the 4th battalion, 5th ADA Regiment during a transfer of authority ceremony at the Camp Carroll Gymnasium on October 23.



Photo above: Troops of the 35th Air Defense Artillery present arms to Colonel Brian P. Dunn, the commander of the 35th ADA Brigade, during a transfer of authority ceremony October 23 at Camp Carroll. The 2nd battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment took charge of air defense in the southern part of the Korean peninsula and is the last battalion to deploy to the Korean peninsula in the immediate future.

The 2-1 battalion, assigned to the 35th ADA Brigade, headquartered on Osan Air Base, is slated to be the last air defense artillery unit to re-station to the Korea Theater of Operations. Personnel will now be individually assigned to the 35th ADA Brigade. Prior to the arrival of 2-1, units of the 35th ADA Brigade have been serving one year deployment tours of the Korean peninsula.

Two and a half years ago, the ADA branch initiated the one year battalion rotation for air and missile defense battalions in the ROK. A total of six Patriot battalions have rotated in and out of the KTO; the 2-1 battalion was one of the first battalions to be rotated out of the ROK, leaving in 2006.

Photo right: LTC Chad D. Skaggs, the commander of the 2nd battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, and Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Foley, the command sergeant major of 2-1, uncase their regimental flag during a transfer of authority ceremony October 23 at Camp Carroll. 2-1 was deployed to Korea in 2006 and will now be permanently attached to the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.



MG Robert J. Williamson, the Eighth United States Army Deputy Commander for Transformation, spoke at the ceremony, recognized the departing soldiers of the 4-5 battalion and challenging the 2-1 soldiers for their new assignment in the Republic of Korea.



LTC William P. Brooks, the commander of the departing 4-5 battalion, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gary W. Coleman, the command sergeant major of the 4-5 Battalion, cased the Battalion's regimental colors during the ceremony in preparation for their redeployment back to Fort Hood, TX.

Photo Left: LTC William P. Brooks, the commander of the 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, and CSM Gary W. Coleman, the command sergeant major of 4-5, case the regimental flag for 4-5 during a transfer of authority ceremony October 23 at Camp Carroll.

Then, LTC Chad D. Skaggs, the commander of the incoming 2-1 battalion, and CSM John W. Foley, the command sergeant major of the 2-1 battalion, uncased their regimental colors during the transfer of authority ceremony after casing the flag at Fort Hood, Texas last month.