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New assignment for Wyo. National Guard general officer

CHEYENNE – Brig. Gen. Olin Oedekoven assumed the duties of the Wyoming National Guard's deputy adjutant general, May 6.

As the deputy adjutant general, Oedekoven will oversee all of the department's strategic planning and joint service support functions for the more than 3,000 Wyoming National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, their families and civilian employers.

The new position provides a fifth general officer for the Wyoming National Guard and a second brigadier general officer billet for the Army National Guard.

"As the deputy adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Oedekoven will be able to provide unity of effort in our Joint Service Support functions, ensuring we do our absolute best to supply a continuum of service for our personnel," said Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general.

Oedekoven most recently served as the Wyoming Army National Guard's commander, a position he has held since January 2006.

The following programs fall under Oedekoven's purview: Wyoming National Guard Family Readiness Program, Wyoming's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee, transition assistance, psychological health, and the responsibility to ensure the synchronization of Wyoming National Guard Yellow Ribbon activities.

Oedekoven, who will remain a traditional Guard Soldier, also will oversee the agency's diversity council, strategic planning functions, community outreach and the Camp

Guernsey Advisory Board. Command Sgt. Maj. Kenton Franklin will serve as Oedekoven's full-time non-commissioned officer in charge.

"I look forward to this new challenge as we focus more of our efforts on the total health and welfare of our Soldiers, Airmen and their families," Oedekoven said. "Under my oversight, our family programs, Yellow Ribbon initiatives, mental health, diversity and outreach programs will be more robust and fully integrated into the agency's operations."