

# Colonel Hsu is the new commander of the "Rail Gunners"

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – Col. Wilbur W. Hsu is the new commander of the 41st Field Artillery Brigade (41st FAB). In a military ceremony, Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Hilbert handed over command from Col. Daniel G. Miller. The artillery brigade, nicknamed "Rail Gunners," has maintained a partnership with the city of Grafenwoehr since it was set up in December 2018.

The presentation of military decorations to Col. Miller and his wife, Shay Baker Miller, preceded the official transfer of command. The German military representative, Lt. Col. Florian Rommel, presented Col. Miller with the recently acquired shooting badge of the German Army.

The backdrop for the military ceremony was not only provided by the Water Tower but also by the soldiers with the flag detachments as well as vehicles and the brigade's main weapon system, the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS). The German version of this system is also used by the German Army's Artillery Battalion 131, stationed in Weiden, whose representatives were also present at the change of command.

The handing over of the troop flag from Col. Daniel Miller to Col. Wilbur Hsu by Brig. Gen. Hilbert was the official sign of the change of command. In his speech, Hilbert emphasized the importance of the artillery brigade, which had now reached the



Brig. Gen. Joseph Hilbert (center) handed over command of the 41st Field Artillery Brigade from Col. Daniel Miller (left) to Col. Wilbur Hsu (right).

highest level of training. Hilbert thanked the outgoing commander for his service in the brigade and acknowledged his wife's work in the military community. In his parting words, Col. Miller thanked the soldiers of the "Rail Gunners" and the city for the good reception in Bavaria and the joint events of the partnership. Miller and his family remain in Germany as his next assignment will be with the US European Command in Stuttgart.

In his remarks, Col. Hsu expressed his thanks for the friendly reception in Grafenwoehr and said he was happy to be back in Germany. Hsu has previously served in numerous command and staff positions in both howitzer and rocket artillery units in Germany, Hawaii, Washington State and Korea. Most recently he was the commander of the 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery with the MLRS weapon system at Camp Casey in Korea.

At a reception at the Tower View Conference Center, guests had the opportunity to get to know Col. Hsu, his wife Amy, and sons Grand and Clark. During their conversation, Grafenwoehr Mayor Edgar Knobloch and Hsu found common ground in their friendship with Lt. Gen. Walt Piatt. Piatt was commander of the 7th US Army Training Command in Grafenwoehr from 2013 to 2014 and now serves at the Pentagon. Knobloch and Hsu are also happy about the joint partnership activities between the city and the "Rail Gunners."

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Grafenwoehr Mayor Edgar Knobloch (right) and his wife Gabi were happy about upcoming joint partnership activities at the reception for the new commander Col. Wilbur Hsu (left) and his wife Amy. The city of Grafenwoehr and the "Rail-Gunners" have a partnership since 2018.



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