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## **Lt. Col. Xenitelis relinquishes Warrior Transition Battalion Command**

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS— Lt. Col. Harold Xenitelis handed over command of the Tripler Army Medical Center Warrior Transition Battalion to Lt. Col. David Weisberg at Schofield Barracks during a change of command ceremony Monday afternoon.

Brig. Gen. Steve Jones, commander Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC, said Xenitelis did an outstanding job overseeing the transition of Tripler's warrior transition company into a robust battalion that provides world class care to a Soldier with complex and serious injury and illness.

"Harry met this challenge by leading with honor and distinction," Jones said. "This past year alone, the battalion successfully transitioned 124 Soldiers back to duty. This battalion has taken the lead in implementing groundbreaking programs to address all the dimensions of wellness, including not only physical fitness but family, social, emotional and spiritual fitness as well."

The TAMC WTB is not the largest in the Army, but it has become the best. Xenitelis implemented two new WT programs; the chaplain's weekly off-site and the Wellness program. Both programs are designed to improve the level of focused care to high risk WTs with behavioral health issues.

"[The battalion] has never lost its focus on caring for Soldiers and families, and as a result it consistently placed at the top of Army Medical Command in patient satisfaction," Jones said.

In looking back on the last 18 months, Xenitelis realizes the valuable experience he has gained.

"This has been a great challenge, filled with many rewarding opportunities," he said. "I have no regrets in taking this command and I am not overly excited about leaving it. Today is bittersweet for me."

Xenitelis thanked the cadre, both past and present, for making the unit successful, and closed with a challenge to the WTs.

"Take advantage of this golden opportunity as much as you can, as long as you are here," he said. "Set yourself up for your own transition success."

Weisberg thanked Brig. Gen. Jones for providing him the opportunity to command this great unit.

“I have always lived by the mantra: ‘mission first, Soldier always’ ... It is humbling to be in a unit of heroes where the Soldiers are our mission,” Weisberg said. “Thanks for your trust, and thanks to Lt. Col. Xenitelis for all you have done for this unit. All current policies and procedures remain in effect – hooah!”



**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii-Brig. Gen. Steve Jones passes the guidon to new commander of the Tripler Army Medical Center Warrior Transition Brigade, Lt. Col. David Weisberg, in a change of command ceremony Monday. Photo by Jan Clark, Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs.**