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Indiana National Guard names new director of military support

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana National Guard’s Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Courtney P. Carr, is pleased to announce a change in leaders for the organization’s director of military support effective Feb. 1.

Lt. Col. Ron Crane, the current 53rd Civil Support Team commander, will replace Lt. Col. Dan Gilbert, who has been the military support director since March 2015.

Crane, who first joined the CST in 1999 as a team leader, said he has bittersweet emotions leaving the 53rd, but looks forward to his new role in which he will oversee Indiana National Guard support to civilian agencies in times of disasters or crises.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in my new assignment as director of military support and continuing to work with our civilian partners in the planning, preparedness and response agencies for the great state of Indiana,” said Crane. “It has truly been an honor to serve as commander of the 53rd Civil Support Team. It has been a privilege to serve alongside such dedicated, committed and response-ready Air and Army Guardsmen - enlisted, noncommissioned officers, and officers.”

Crane, who has more than 25 years of military service, has served in many leadership positions throughout the Indiana National Guard and completed a combat tour in Afghanistan, deploying with the 1-19th Agribusiness Development Team in 2009. Crane has a master’s degree in homeland security and has earned certifications in law enforcement, fire, hazard materials and incident command.

Gilbert, a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., began his military career in 1996 as an ROTC cadet at Marian College in Indianapolis. He earned a mathematics degree and commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 1999.

Gilbert began his career in the National Guard in November 2004, and he has served in many positions throughout the community-based organization. Gilbert deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn in 2010 as the 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade’s personnel officer.

“Being the director of military support has been an incredible experience, getting to work on a daily basis with Indiana's civilian agencies has been very rewarding,” Gilbert. “It was also great to be part of such a talented and diverse team, which will continue to grow and thrive under Lt. Col. Crane's leadership.”

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