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Four National Guard events scheduled in Northeast Florida Feb. 8-10

Events will include two 'change of command' ceremonies, a general officer promotion, and a Special Forces 50th anniversary event

Please see event list below:

Friday, Feb. 8

WHAT – The Florida Air National Guard's Col. James Eifert will be promoted to the rank of brigadier general during a military ceremony.

WHERE – Historic St. Francis Barracks, 82 Marine St., St. Augustine, Fla.

WHEN – 4 p.m.

Eifert, a resident of Fleming Island, currently serves as the Commander of the 125th Fighter Wing in Jacksonville, Fla. Upon his promotion to one-star general, he will serve as Assistant Adjutant General for Air and Deputy Commander of the Florida Air National Guard. Eifert began his military career in the U.S. Air Force in 1982, and has served in various leadership positions with the Florida Air National Guard since 1996. He is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flight hours.

His change of command ceremony at the 125th Fighter Wing will be Sunday (See below).

Saturday, Feb. 9

WHAT – 50th Anniversary Ceremony for the 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group.

WHERE – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center parade field.

WHEN – 3 p.m.

Members of the Florida Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), will celebrate the unit's 50th anniversary during an afternoon ceremony. The event will include a reading of the

battalion history, award presentation, and the unveiling of a monument dedicated to the Soldiers who have served in the unit.

Members of the 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group, have served in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world since 9-11 in support on ongoing federal operations.

Sunday, Feb. 10

WHAT – Change of Command Ceremony for the Florida Army National Guard’s 1st Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment.

WHERE – Florida National Guard Aviation Support Facility, 13630 Crossover St., Cecil Commerce Center, Jacksonville, Fla.

WHEN – 10 a.m.

Lt. Col. Cecil Cauley will officially take command of the Army Aviation unit from Lt. Col. William Mignon during the morning ceremony.

Both are residents of St. Augustine, Fla.

WHAT – Change of Command Ceremony for the Florida Air National Guard’s 125th Fighter Wing

WHERE – 125th Fighter Wing, 14300 FANG Dr., Jacksonville International Airport, Jacksonville, Fla.

WHEN – 3 p.m.

Col. Brian Simpler will officially take command of the 125th Fighter Wing from Brig. Gen. James Eifert during a military ceremony.

Col. Simpler currently serves as the unit’s deputy commander.

Concurrently, the event will also be a Change of Authority for the unit’s highest ranking enlisted Airman. 125th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Seger will assume authority as the unit’s top enlisted person from Command Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Ervin.

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