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Transfer of Authority at HQ KFOR: Brigadier General Scott Wilton Gorske handed over the command to Brigadier General Rex A. Spitler.

Brigadier General Rex A. Spitler today, 7th of July 2011, has been appointed as the Chief of Staff at HQ KFOR. At the presence of KFOR Commander Major General Erhard Bühler, he took over from Brigadier General Scott Wilton Gorske.

General Gorske was appointed Chief of Staff at KFOR on July 9, 2010 and after a year serving in Kosovo he will be commissioned to the Pentagon National Guard Bureau in Washington D.C., as Director of Legislative Affairs.

As Chief of Staff within the HQ, Brigadier General Gorske during his mandate played an important role in KFOR's development, as he was the "key figure" who had to turn into reality the vision of COMKFOR and had to ensure that the plan were executed. Brigadier General Scott Wilton Gorske highly contributed to the achievement of KFOR tasks, providing command and control and support to NATO forces in Kosovo, as it was pointed out during the ceremony by COMKFOR, Major General Erhard Bühler. Important events happened during the last year, as the most relevant was the downsizing to around 5000 soldiers of KFOR troops, and the implementation of the new KFOR structure, based on two Multinational Battle Groups and five Joint Regional Detachments.

The newly appointed Brigadier General Rex A. Spitler joined the army in 1980. He attended the Military Academy of West Point and he begun his career as Army Aviator. Brigadier General Rex A. Spitler has a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering and a Master of Public Administration.

Prior to be appointed as new Chief of Staff within KFOR, he served as Plan Director for the First Army in Georgia.

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