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## **Governor and Lt. Governor Congratulate Soldiers During Transfer of Authority Ceremony**

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Hagatña, Guam – Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio would like to congratulate the servicemembers of Task Force Wolf and Task Force Guahån for the turnover of the mission at Site Armadillo for Task Force Talon.

**“I want to thank the servicemembers of Task Force Wolf from Alaska and their families. You have spent the last 13 months on our beautiful island boosting our security and protecting our people. Your work provides security, comfort and peace of mind to our island and our nation,”** said Governor Leon Guerrero.

Task Force Talon is responsible for the operation of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense which is an anti-ballistic missile defense system designed to shoot down short, medium and intermediate-range ballistic missiles.

Task Force Wolf assumed responsibility of providing Security Forces (SECFOR) to Task Force Talon at Andersen Air Force Base in January 2018. During their tour, they accomplished 20 projects that enhanced force protection, reduced site vulnerabilities and significantly enhanced soldier welfare.

**“We are extremely proud of the work accomplished by Task Force Wolf soldiers, especially under the command of Capt. Edward Poppe IV, who hails from Guam. It is reassuring to know that a Guam son is among those leading the way to ensuring the safety of our people,”** said Lt. Governor Tenorio.

Task Force Guahån will now assume responsibility of providing SECFOR to Task Force Talon for a year-long tour. The soldiers of Task Force Guahån will not be leaving island but will be placed on active duty status.

**“Lt. Governor Josh and I will continue to pray for the safety of Task Force Guahån and all our military servicemembers,”** added Governor Leon Guerrero.

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