

# New Dunham commander assumes responsibility

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***Col. Christopher Castle, Commander of Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, passes the unit's colors to Col. Kenneth Trzepakowski, the new Commander of Dunham U.S. Army Health Care Clinic at an Assumption of Command Ceremony held Nov. 3 at Reynolds Theater.***

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November 4, 2008 – The days of "A ship without a captain, a clinic without a commander" are over for Dunham U.S. Army Health Clinic, said Col. Kenneth Trzepakowski. The reigns were officially handed to him at an Assumption of Command Ceremony Nov. 3.



Trzepakowski will be commanding the Dunham clinic, the health clinics at the Defense Distribution Center in Harrisburg, the National Training Center at Fort Indiantown Gap and the Occupational Health Clinic at the Letterkenny Army Depot in Chambersburg.

"As we passed the colors to him [Trzepakowski], he took on unlimited responsibility and liability," said Col. Christopher Castle, Commander of Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center at Fort George G. Meade, Md. "He is an outstanding Soldier, leader and healer. You have a fantastic officer to lead you."

Trzepakowski mentioned having dinner with a mentor from when he was a captain stationed in Germany, Dr. Gordon Miller. Miller was Dunham's commander from 2002 to 2006, and now works there as a civilian. He told Trzepakowski that it is the clinic's civilian staff that is the reason why "Dunham has its reputation for providing Carlisle Barracks and all of its retiree population the care that is second to none."

Trzepakowski also talked about the clinic's Soldiers.

"They bring to Dunham the vigor, enthusiasm for learning and the dedication to service that only youth and wearing the uniform can bring to this clinic," he said. "The leadership and devoted effort to the clinic's success is what they bring to the field."

"As I was writing this speech, I kept looking for those magic words that would be able to define the beginning of my command and sum up my thoughts and expectations for the next few years...It's the words on our unit's crest, 'Service To The Finest'. That's what it's all about."

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