

DDHU Commander promoted to Colonel

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In a promotion ceremony held in January, Raymond C. Corcoran, USAF, was promoted to Colonel. Col Corcoran is the Commander of Defense Distribution Depot Hill, Utah (DDHU). He took command of DDHU in June 2005.

The ceremony took place at Hill Aerospace Museum at Hill Air Force Base, where DDHU employees, DDHU's logistics partners, EG&G, members of Team Hill, and family and friends gathered to congratulate the new Colonel, with a reception immediately following.

Officiating was Col David R. Lefforge, USAF, Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of the USAF Reserve Officers Training Corps, Detachment 820, at Texas Tech University. Col Corcoran said Col Lefforge began mentoring him when he worked for Col Lefforge at the 19th Air Refueling Group at Warner Robins Air Force Base.

"I have had many great assignments throughout my career and when a promotion board looks at my records to evaluate my career—that's what they see," said Col Corcoran. "What they don't see are the people that I've worked with at each and every one of my assignments that are literally responsible for my being here today.

"There were the senior non-commissioned officers who provided patient guidance when faced with a young Lieutenant who



Col Corcoran gets his new rank pinned on by his wife, Michele, during his promotion ceremony while their son Shawn leaves the stage after helping his mom.

thought he already knew everything—and clearly didn't," said Col Corcoran. "But most importantly are the hundreds of Air Force members that I've had the

pleasure of working with over the past 20 plus years. Those folks, no matter what seemingly outrageous task I threw at them, never told me it couldn't be done. These

are the people that motivated me. They're the reason I've spent nearly three decades in this uniform. And they're the reason I'm standing here today as a Colonel in the United States Air Force."

Col Corcoran was commissioned in October 1984 through USAF Officers Training School after receiving his bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Massachusetts that same year. He has extensive aircraft maintenance experience on the KC-135A/Q/R/E, T-37, T-38, AT-38, T-1, C-141, and VIP/SAM fleet. A career logistics officer, he has commanded two aircraft generation squadrons, and served staff tours at both major command and Air Staff levels.

Col Corcoran has recently been selected to command the 319 Maintenance Group at Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota.



Col Lefforge, Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of the USAF Reserve Officers Training Corps, Detachment 820, Texas Tech University, administered the Oath of Office during the promotion ceremony for Col Corcoran.



Col Raymond Corcoran, USAF, makes his first comments as a Colonel, thanking DDHU employees, DDHU's EG&G Logistics partners, members of Team Hill, family and friends.