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## DEOMI Welcomes New Commandant

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**PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE, Fla.**— The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) Commandant, U.S. Navy Capt. Delmy Robinson, relinquished leadership to U.S. Air Force Col. Michelle Nash during a ceremony Dec. 1, 2023, at Patrick Space Force Base, Florida.

Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA) Director, Mr. Jeffrey Register, presided over the ceremony. Mr. Register, a member of the Senior Executive Services, has direct oversight for all operational activities across the Field Activity's mission areas. He is responsible for DHRA enterprise-wide planning, programming, resource analysis, operational policy, and operational execution for several DHRA centers and offices.

“To our soon to be 19th Commandant, Col. Nash – Welcome,” shared Register. “You are the correct choice to lead and evolve DEOMI as the Center of Excellence moving forward, and we are so glad to have you here. The broader Personnel and Readiness and DHRA teams look forward to partnering with you and seeing what you will help the Department accomplish. Thank you.”



Nash, a native of Farr West, Utah, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1999, and served in the Aerospace Control and Warning Systems career field until receiving her commission through the Officer Training School in 2001. In 2016, she became an Information Operations officer and served in a variety of positions leading up to most recent position as Director of Culture and Climate for the Dean of Faculty (DF) at the United States Air Force Academy (USFA) in Colorado. She holds a Bachelor Science in Psychology from Weber State University, a

Master of Science in Psychology from Brigham Young University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology from Brigham Young University. In addition, she is a graduate of both the Air Command and Staff and Air War Colleges—by correspondence. ([Click here](#) to view Col. Nash's full bio)

“My DEOMI brothers and sisters, past and present, you have truly made a difference in individual lives, and you will continue to make a difference in ensuring individuals are treated with dignity and respect,” shared Nash. “I can think of no greater call than to be engaged with ensuring others are seen and heard. No matter how you serve within DEOMI, you make a difference!”

Before departing the podium, Nash also shared kind words about Capt. Robinson.

“Capt. Robinson, thank you for your leadership and dedication to the people and the mission,” shared Nash. “You’ve worked tirelessly to improve processes and to set DEOMI up for success in the near and long term. I know this place has special meaning to you and I will do my best to ensure we continue down the excellent path you’ve placed us on”.

Before welcoming Nash, Mr. Register lauded Robinson for her many contributions and superior leadership.

“Capt. Robinson, you have expertly led DEOMI from August of 2021 until now, and accomplished far too many things for me to list them all here – or we’d be here all day,” said Register. “Thank you for everything you have done for the Department and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute.”



Robinson assumed responsibility as DEOMI's 18th commandant on August 20, 2021, and her parting remarks reflected on the many contributions made, goals achieved, and relationships fostered during her tenure.

“My day has finally come. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your steadfast dedication and support over the last 2.5 years,” shared Robinson in an emotional delivery. “Time does fly when you are surrounded by great people and top professionals. Thank you for making a difference in my life and for what you do for our grateful Nation!”

Robinson continued sharing her heart-felt gratitude to the entire DEOMI staff and attending stakeholders, before passing the proverbial torch to Nash.

The change of leadership ceremony marked the beginning of another chapter in DEOMI's long history, ensuring the institute's mission of fostering cultures of excellence through learning, research, and integrated knowledge management to optimize Total Force readiness continues.

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