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COVER: The Army's new Chief, Major General John Boswell.
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Major General John Boswell (left) and Major General Peter Kelly.



A change of command for NGATI TUMATAUENGA



“I am honoured and humbled to assume the role of Chief of Army.”

Major General John Boswell



The Chief of Army with his mum Mary.



Warriors on the Army Marae.



By Judith Martin

As kuis and kaumatua, warriors and whanau looked on, the command of the New Zealand Army changed at Ngati Tumatauenga's marae in Waiouru on Monday 10 September.

Under a perfect sky with just a hint of an icy breeze coming off the mountain, Major General Peter Kelly handed over command of the Army to newly-promoted Major General John Boswell.

The Chief of Defence Force, Air Marshal Kevin Short who was officially welcomed on to the marae for the first time during the morning's proceedings, attached Major General Boswell's new rank slides, helped by the General's wife, Mrs Vicky Boswell.

Air Marshal Short told those gathered that Major General Boswell's record and experience made him an ideal choice to be Chief of Army. "He puts all his intellect and skills into what he is doing, and does a fantastic job. (In appointing the new Chief of Army) I was looking for someone who put his heart and soul into delivering for the Army, and the New Zealand Defence Force.

"John is a very honest, open and courageous man and I'm looking forward to him leading the Army, and helping me lead the NZDF."

MAJGEN Boswell, whose children, mother and other relatives were in the audience, said he had had no greater honour afforded to him throughout his career than to command New Zealand soldiers.

"Throughout my career I have seen the very best, the not so good and the absolutely tragic aspects of commanding soldiers, with the latter being reflected in the photographs of our fallen which are on the walls of the meeting house. I am honoured and humbled to assume the role of Chief of Army.

"I am clear in my mind of the on-going need to continue to provide our government with a range of options across the spectrum, from humanitarian aid and disaster relief, to full combat they may need to deploy in the service of our nation. I am deeply aware of the role we must provide in being absolute experts in the land environment.

"We will work alongside our partners, allies and other government agencies, and we're going to have to do that in an environment that is more complex and demanding than ever. I have a very clear vision of what a modern, agile, and highly adaptive light fighting force is.

"I am also acutely aware of the challenges we will face to man, equip and train that future light fighting force, and the need for us to produce a force that is agile in thought and action. I have confidence we can meet those challenges head on, and we will succeed because of the foundations for our success that have been laid by my predecessor."

MAJGEN Boswell thanked MAJGEN Kelly for his command and service.

The Chief of Defence Force, Air Marshal Kevin Short and Mrs Vicky Boswell place the Chief of Army korowai on Major General Boswell's shoulders.

MAJGEN Peter Kelly said he felt a slight chill when he removed the Chief of Army korowai for the last time. "You do give your heart and soul when you command a service, and it's a special moment when you pass over command," he said.

Addressing Air Marshal Short, he said he had a fantastic team. "I couldn't think of a better person to hand command over to than John Boswell. He is an outstanding bloke, with the soldiers' best interests at heart. The Army is in great hands."

MAJGEN Kelly paid tribute to his wife Kate, whom he said had been at his side through every moment of his career.

At a poroaki (farewell ceremony) after the command handover, the Sergeant Major of the Army, Warrant Officer Class One Clive Douglas presented MAJGEN Kelly with a specially made Te Korowai O Te Toa, The Cloak of the Warrior.

The stunning korowai incorporated white, which signified MAJGEN Kelly as a rangatira and chief, purple representing linkage to NZDF and blue, which represented the time he spent serving in and leading 1 NZSAS Regiment. It also featured green which signifies his formative years in his career as an Infantry Officer. The black represents Te Kore, the unknown in one's life and career. It was blessed by an Army padre before being placed on MAJGEN Kelly's shoulders.

Flanked by warriors, and led by Padre Tony Brooking and kaumatua Heemi Te Peeti MAJGEN Kelly and Kate Kelly were led towards the entrance of the marae where a 50-strong group of soldiers farewelled them with a resounding version of the Army Short Haka, Te Haka Tu.



Outgoing Chief of Army, Major General Peter Kelly hongis with his Sergeant Major of the Army, WO1 Clive Douglas.



The Chief of Defence Force, Air Marshal Kevin Short was welcomed onto the New Zealand Army Marae in Waiouru shortly before the Chief of Army change of command ceremony.

ARMY TROOPS IN IRAQ MARK FATHER'S DAY

Story and photos: Australian Defence Force.

New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) soldiers serving in Iraq relied on technology to connect with their families on Father's Day on 2 September.

Around 30 Kiwi fathers are deployed with Task Group Taji, the combined New Zealand-Australian task group which is in Iraq to train elements of the Iraqi Security Forces to assist in their fight against the Islamic State (IS) terrorist group.

Staff Sergeant James Kirkland, who works in the Task Group workshop, is on his second deployment since having children and said it had been tough being away from his two daughters and fiancée.

"It's definitely pretty hard. This is the longest I've spent away from them," he said.

Instead of the usual breakfast in bed and hand-delivered card he gets from his children on Father's

Day, Staff Sergeant Kirkland was at work at the Taji Military Complex, about 20 kilometres north of Baghdad.

But he said he looked forward to opening the Father's Day package his family had sent.

"I've heard they'll send something over – hopefully it's some Weet-Bix. I'll feel loved with some Weet-Bix," he said.

For Operations Officer Captain James Brosnan, this was his first Father's Day away from his one-year-old daughter and wife.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet but when the day comes around I'll think about all the things I've been missing," he said.

Advances in communication technology had made the separation easier, he said.

"The technology now definitely keeps me in touch

with what's happening and how she is growing up."

Lieutenant Roger Baxter made a video-call to his wife and children on Father's Day.

The Task Group Taji Watchkeeper has three children – two adults and a teenager. Although he has been away for some Father's Days in the past, this was the first time he had been overseas on deployment for one.

"I was a bit teary when I thought, Father's Day, and I'm away for it," he said.

While his family is more than 15,000 kilometres away, he said the distance hadn't affected their strong bond.

"The farther away we are in distance the closer we seem to have become as a family," he said.

Around 100 NZDF and 300 Australian Defence Force personnel comprise Task Group Taji. The current rotation deployed to Iraq for six months in June.



Kiwi troops in Iraq on Father's Day with photographs of their children.