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LTC Sulenski Takes command 'Cacti Blue' Gets New Leader

OASIS — Colors of the Ivy Division's 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, changed hands in a ceremony at the Cacti Blue command post on Landing Zone Sabre.

The new commander, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph S. Sulenski of Vassar, Mich., promised "to continue in the same vein" as Lieutenant Colonel William C. Moore, who had led the battalion since June.

Both commanders praised the men of the Cacti Blue for their recent combat achievements and Colonel Moore noted that the battalion was the first to test the concept of the Short Range Patrol, now used throughout the Ivy Division.

The battalion is currently opposing NVA forces along the Cambodian border near Duc Lap.

Present at the ceremony were Brigadier General Albin F. Irzyk of Washington, D.C., assistant division commander, and Colonel Stan L. McClellan of Ventura, Calif., commander of the 3rd Brigade.

"This is," said General Irzyk, "a simple ceremony. I think this is absolutely proper. From this firebase many thousands of artillery rounds have been fired, many individuals have gone off to fight the NVA in much hard fighting. It is a far more professional fighting battalion than when Colonel Moore assumed command.

"Thanks to this effort, the enemy threat has been lessened," he said.

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Colonel McClellan further praised the battalion's efforts. "You have done credit to yourself and honored the commander you have served," he concluded.

The battalion's former commander, Colonel Moore, departed after the ceremony for his new assignment with Headquarters, USARV.

Colonel Sulenski joined the Army in 1945 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1946. He has served overseas tours with the 7th Army in Europe and as G-5 with the 8th Army in Korea.

Between 1960 and 1964 the Colonel taught social science at West Point, then attended the Command and General Staff College at Ft Leavenworth, Kan.

After returning from Korea he was assigned to the staff of the War Plans Division of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics In Washington, D.C. He subsequently worked with the Office of the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff as an operations officer and military operations analyst.

In June, Colonel Sulenski joined the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. Before taking command of the Cacti Blue he was the division's G-1.

His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from the University of Illinois and an Master of Arts Degree In political science from Columbia University.