

SAFEGUARD COMMAND ASSIGNMENT ASSUMED

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Nekoma, ND - Brig. Gen. Robert M. Mullens Tuesday assumed command of the US Army Safeguard Command, with headquarters here.

The command consists of the Safeguard ballistic missile defense facilities in northeastern North Dakota and the Ballistic Missile Defense Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Prior to his assignment here, Gen. Mullens was commander of the 6th Region, Army Air Defense Command (ARADCOM), with headquarters in San Francisco. Earlier he was deputy chief of staff for operations at ARADCOM headquarters.

A native of Thornton, TX, Gen. Mullens was commissioned through the ROTC program at Texas A and M University in 1949. He saw duty in both Korea and Vietnam, and is a graduate of both the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College.

His decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and two awards of the Legion of Merit.

His wife, a son and daughter accompanied him to his new assignment here. Another son is attending the College of Marin in San Francisco.