

Change of Command at MacDill Air Force Base

On Friday, Gus attended the change of central Command ceremony at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. Lt. General Martin Dempsey relinquished command to General David H. Petraeus, formerly commander of Multi-National Force - Iraq.

General David Petraeus assumed command of CENTCOM after most recently serving as Commander Multi-National Forces-Iraq, where he oversaw all Coalition forces from February 2007 to September 2008. He is most noted for his contribution to the stabilization of Iraq during surge operations in mid-2007.

Secretary of Defense, Dr. Robert M. Gates presided over the ceremony. Also participating in Friday's ceremony was Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

You can read the full transcript of the ceremony [here](#).