

Guard 2-star nominated as deputy NORTHCOM chief

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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — An Army National Guard two-star general has been nominated for a third star and will serve as deputy commander of the U.S. Northern Command, if confirmed by Congress.

The Defense Department said Friday that Maj. Gen. Frank J. Grass would also serve as vice commander of the U.S. element in the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

NORAD is U.S.-Canada command that monitors the skies over both countries. NORTHCOM oversees the U.S. military's homeland defense and supports civilian authorities. Both are headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

Grass is currently serving as an operations director for NORTHCOM.