## Thank You 1

Thank you Colonel XXX for officiating today’s ceremony and advocating for me to be the Operations Group Commander here at XXX. It is always a privilege to command, and I appreciate your vote of confidence.

## Thank You 2

DV1, and DV2, thank you for taking time out of your busy calendars to be here today.

[Base Level DV’s] Chief YYY, Chief YYY, Group Commanders, Squadron Commanders, Chiefs, First Sergeants and the men and women of the XYZ Operations Group, thank you for your support today as well.

## Thank You 3

To my family [names] thank you for your love and support. I know there is a sacrifice that comes from being a military family and there is a bigger sacrifice that comes from being a commander’s family. Thank you for sharing this responsibility with me as we seek to make a difference in the lives of Airmen and for our nation.

To my parents, I would not be where I am today if it were not for your parenting, Love and support. Thank you for teaching me leadership and compassion. I love you both very much.

## Thank You 4

Captain KKK, Sergeant OOO, Lt DDD, the protocol team, and the rest of the OG team who made today happen, thank you for making today special to honor Col XXX, and assist me in getting squared away.

## Thank You 5

Lastly, [First Name Outgoing OG/Sq/CC] thank you so much for all you have done for the Operations Group these past two years. You and [spouse] have left big shoes to fill and will be greatly missed.

[First Name Outgoing OG], it also seems like just yesterday we were both working in the OG together as Captains. It is such an honor to follow you in command. Thank you for the diligent effort you made over the past few months conducting turnover with me to set the OG up for these next few years.

It is the best I have ever experienced in my career and is a testament to your leadership and care and commitment to the OG. I wish you well as you take Wing Command. I know you will do a fantastic job serving the Airmen at ZZZ Base.

## Sign Off

Finally, I just want to say XXX Base holds a special place in my heart as it is where I grew up as an Aircraft commander and Instructor pilot. It is where my son was born, and it is the strongest community I have ever experienced in my career.

I look forward to continuing the strong community culture of XXX, strengthening ties with our community and advancing the Operations Group’s readiness and warfighting capability this theater demands to preserve the peace.

It is so good to be back.