

Army War College Change of Command, August 31

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Maj. Gen. David Hill (middle) receives the colors from Lt. Gen. Walter Piatt (right), director of the Army Staff signifying the acceptance of command of the U.S. Army War College, during the change of command ceremony today at Carlisle Barracks, Aug.

On August 31, Maj. Gen Stephen J. Maranian formally passed leadership of the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks to Maj. Gen. David C. Hill during a traditional Change of Command Ceremony. Lt. Gen. Walter E. Piatt, Director of the Army Staff, officiated the ceremony, in Bliss Hall.

Piatt opened the ceremony by acknowledging the recent developments in Afghanistan and the challenges that lie ahead.

“The mission is not over, and our nation continues to place demands on our Army, and we must perform,” said Piatt. “These challenges should reenforce in all of us the purpose of this place.

“The Army War College is an important part of our military education system where we learn so we can lead at the strategic level,” he said.

“It is important for all of us to understand that training prepares you for the

expected, but education prepares you for the unexpected, and the world is constantly challenging us with the unexpected, said Piatt.

“It is here in Carlisle, Pennsylvania that your experience combined with the first-class academics will allow you to grow to be the broad-minded professionals able to work towards solutions to impossible situations.”

A 2013 War College graduate, Maranian has served as the 52nd Commandant of the United States Army War College since July 2020.

“The Army War College is a unique and truly amazing organization,” said Maranian. “Our time here has been brief, but the relationships we’ve made have been deep, sincere, ones that have survived hardship and will always endure,” he said, for himself and family.

“I am truly proud of this team. I am proud of the progress we have made, and I am proud of you--the great professionals of the Army War College--who have thrived despite adversity,” said Maranian.

Maranian has been selected to serve as the commanding general of the 56th Artillery command, which will be reactivated in Germany this October.

Maj. Gen. David Hill looks to future of the Army War College

“I am excited to pick up the torch from you on key concepts like assessment- informed, tailorable education,” said Hill to Maranian.

“Our mission to develop strategic leaders, advance knowledge in the global application of landpower, and connect the American people to the United States Army and its history remains as relevant and exciting as ever,” said Hill.

Most recently, Hill served as Deputy Chief of Engineers/Deputy Commanding General—second in command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Hill’s previous command assignments include the Transatlantic Division, USACE, in Winchester, Virginia; 36th Engineer Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas; Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division Engineer Brigade, Bad Kreuznach and Giessen, Germany.

