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**Colonel David Funk** assumed duties as the the 50th Deputy Commandant of the United States Army War College May 13. He received his commission as an Infantry Officer from the United States Military Academy in 1986. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, The Field Artillery Advanced Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Ranger School, Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the United States Army War College.

Prior to his arrival at Carlisle Barracks, he was assigned to U.S. 1st Corps, where among other jobs he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for the ISAF Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan. Previous non-command

assignments include service as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Rifle Company XO, and Battalion Mortar Platoon Leader in the 4th ID, 8th ID, and 1st AD; Force Development Officer at PERSCOM in Alexandria, VA; G4 Plans and Operations Officer, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Battalion XO and Brigade XO, 187th Infantry Regiment (Rakkasans); Chief of Ground Component Command Plans, Seoul, ROK; and Chief of Plans, and later Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. 1st Corps.

His command assignments include: 22 months as Commander, D Company, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, FRG; 36 months as Commander, 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment (Cottonbalers, by God!), 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; 35 months as commander, 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division (Stryker), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, where he deployed to Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Funk holds a Master of Military Arts and Sciences degree from the School of Advanced Military

Studies, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with 2 OLC, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with OLC, the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 OLC, the Army Commendation Medal with 2 OLC, the OIF and OEF Campaign Medals, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges, and the Ranger Tab.

**Col. Bobby Towery**, the previous deputy commandant, will retire at a ceremony June 1 at 11 a.m. at the Wheelock Bandstand.

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