

Introducing CSM Alan Hummel; Martinez - It's all about community

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Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Martinez (left) salutes along with Maj. Gen. John Kern, Commandant of the Army War College and Command Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey during one of the many observances held at the Army War College.

The role of the command sergeant major at the Army War College is relatively new position. Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Martinez is just the second to hold this position. "I think it will be about five to ten years until the role as the command sergeant major here is clearly defined," said Martinez.

Martinez is due to hand off his responsibilities at the Army War College to Command Sgt. Maj. Alan Hummel during a formal ceremony in Bliss Hall, Friday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

"It's all about the community," said Martinez. "I value the people. If you look at this small post and what it does, if you look at the history, you can't help but really have a great appreciation for those that have been here before us and those that are here today."

"I have tried to listen to people to be able to really understand what their problems are," he said, noting the many stakeholders in this community. "We have the active duty, resident students, international fellows, permanent faculty, and we have our retirees that provide so much volunteerism here on the installation.

"It's all these different flavors that make this community," said Martinez.

Martinez shifted focus to note the many involved in making the Army War College the top-most destination for educating our senior enlisted and senior military officers today.

"Running the Normative Leaders Course here has contributed greatly to the Army," he said about the three week executive course for Normative sergeants major and command sergeants major – those who will serve in 3- and 4-star commands.

"It's really paid off, and will pay off for the Army in the future" he said. "We have educated over 240 sergeants major from across the Army, the Guard, and Reserve. To have that sort of impact on the force and on the generation is incredible.

"The impact that this post has on our Army, and how our scholars here have influenced the Army and the Joint community, is unbelievable," said Martinez. "From PKSOI to CSL, SSI, School for Strategic Landpower, and the War College itself -- all these learning institutions are having a great impact.

"To be part of this has been an honor," said Martinez.

Introducing Command Sgt. Maj. Alan K. Hummel

Command Sergeant Major Alan K. Hummel enlisted in the United States Army in 1987 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox Kentucky. Upon completion he was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty of 19K, Armored Crewman.

Throughout his career, Hummel has served in many enlisted positions from, Gunner, Tank Commander, Master Gunner, Operations Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, 3-1 CAV Squadron CSM, 4th IBCT CSM. His last assignment was at Fort. Benning as the U.S. Army Armor School CSM.

Hummel's military education includes Abrams Master Gunner Course, Battle Staff Course, and First Sergeants Course. He is a graduate of class 56 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. He has earned his Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts from Excelsior University.



Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Martinez stands in one of the many halls of the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks. Martinez is due to hand off his responsibilities at the Army War College to Command Sgt. Maj. Alan Hummel during a formal ceremony.



Command Sgt. Maj. Alan K. Hummel enlisted in the United States Army in 1987 and will become the third command sgt. maj. for the U.S. Army War College during the Change of Responsibility ceremony April 27 at 2 p.m.