

Army War College welcomes new Command Sergeant Major

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The Army War College's new Command Sergeant Major is ready to meet new challenges and advance the mission of the Army War College as it endeavors to provide an innovative curriculum and develop the next generation of senior leaders who will rise to the challenge of building the Army of 2030 and beyond.

Command Sargent Major Chuck Gregory assumed responsibility for the Army War College during a Change of Responsibility ceremony in Bliss Hall today, Feb. 16, 2023. Outgoing CSM will retire from the Army in a ceremony in March.

He began his successful 32-year career in the Army in the Tennessee Army National Guard in 1990 and completed his most recent assignment in Vicenza, Italy. Gregory is coming from an assignment with a large area of responsibility. As the CSM Southern European Task Force-Africa, he was responsible for all U.S. Army forces south of the Alps and on the African continent.

He says he is looking forward to his assignment in Carlisle, PA, because of the family oriented, hometown appeal.

The CSM is the commandant's right-hand man, battle buddy, explained Gregory. The CSM works to identify the commandant's blind spots, focusing on the workforce to gain an understanding of the challenges and carry the commandant's message and vision to the workforce and community.

Gregory plans to focus on mentorship. "This job is an opportunity to give back and mentor future senior leaders of the Army," he said.

"Mentorship is inherent in all of us ... Someone is taking their time to be a coach, mentor because they see something in you," said Gregory. "They share their experiences and knowledge in the hopes that you continue to do the harder, different job and mentor others."

His previous assignments include Senior Enlisted Advisor United States Military Training Mission, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Command Sergeant Major 7th Brigade U.S. Army Cadet Command, Ft. Knox, Kentucky; and Senior Enlisted Cavalry Advisor/Trainer Grizzly Team, JMRC, Hohenfels, Germany.

To help understand his role here, Gregory brings the experience of working with U.S. partners and allies at Southern European Task Force-Africa.

"If we go to conflict, it will be those partners, those NATO allies, those partners for peace that come together," said Gregory. "All our allies are going to come together to build that coalition. The more you work with those coalitions, the greater of a force you are going to bring to bear on the situation."

As a brigade CSM at Cadet Command, Gregory got exposure to the higher education environment, working with leadership from 38 universities across five states, key stakeholders, and students.

He trained, taught, and mentored soldiers as a Drill Sergeant and continued as Jump Master ensuring Paratroopers and Leaders were prepared for Airborne Operations. "You gain more and more responsibility, take on more challenges, and engage in opportunities to do different things," said Gregory. "You are learning, and then one day, you are leading."

Gregory is the third enlisted soldier across the services to attend the

Security Cooperation Management Executive Course.

All these experiences have prepared him to lead the unique workforce of soldiers, civilians, partners, and allies here at the Army War College said Gregory.

“I am here to help,” said Gregory. “I am here to learn. I am excited to be here, and I am not afraid of a challenge.”

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