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Engineer regiment welcomes new NCO at Fort Leonard Wood

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (June 13, 2013) – Command Sgt. Maj. Butler Kendrick Jr. became the U.S. Army Engineer School's 17th regimental command sergeant major Thursday during a change-of-responsibility ceremony held on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza here at Fort Leonard Wood.

Brig. Gen. Peter DeLuca, USAES commandant, presided over the ceremony in which Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy passed the senior enlisted responsibilities to Kendrick.

DeLuca said this was an exciting day because it allows the regiment to recognize Murphy for being a tremendous force for reform and innovation in the Army. It also opens a new chapter with Kendrick, who brings the right set of experience to shape the culture of leadership for future generations within the regiment and Army, DeLuca said.

Murphy, who is now the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood command sergeant major, acknowledged those who preceded him in service to country because their actions contributed to his success.

He said everyone wants to be able to leave their legacy behind.

Murphy said one of the things he is glad to have contributed in his most recent position, is a focus on the importance of education, especially for younger generations, so that they will be prepared to leave their own legacy when the time comes.

Kendrick addressed the regiment by saying that there will be a lot of work ahead, especially in an unpredictable world, which will require engineers to depend on the fundamentals that guarantee order, discipline, resilience and mission readiness.

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He said he hopes to continue to walk in the path of excellence as Murphy has done.

Kendrick joins Fort Leonard Wood from Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's command sergeant major.

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130613-A-WN220-030.jpg: Brig. Gen. Peter DeLuca, U.S. Army Engineer School commandant, talks about the significance of leadership during a change-of-responsibility ceremony June 13 on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. DeLuca recognized Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy, who is now the installation's command sergeant major, and acknowledged Command Sgt. Maj. Butler Kendrick Jr., who joins USAES as the 17th regimental command sergeant major. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

130613-A-WN220-037.jpg: Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence Murphy talks about the importance of education and leaving a legacy during the U.S. Army Engineer School's change-of-responsibility ceremony, June 13 on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. Murphy moves on to serve as the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood command sergeant major. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

130613-A-WN220-045.jpg: Command Sgt. Maj. Butler Kendrick Jr. becomes the U.S. Army Engineer School's 17th regimental command sergeant major June 13 during a change-of-responsibility ceremony held on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

130613-A-WN220-062.jpg: Sgt. Theresa Wambach, 1st Engineer Brigade drill sergeant of the quarter, presents Kim Kendrick with a bouquet of flowers, welcoming her to the U.S. Army Engineer School. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

130613-A-WN220-066.jpg: The U.S. Army Engineer School hosts a change-of-responsibility ceremony to welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Butler Kendrick Jr., the Engineer Regiment's 17th command sergeant major, June 13 on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

130613-A-WN220-072.jpg: Brig. Gen. Peter DeLuca, U.S. Army Engineer School commandant, transfers responsibility for the position of regimental command sergeant major to Command Sgt. Maj. Butler Kendrick Jr. during a change-of-responsibility ceremony held June 13, 2013, on the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. Kendrick joins Fort Leonard Wood from Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's command sergeant major. Army photo by Michael Curtis/Released

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial

Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.

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