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V CORPS' 22ND SIGNAL BRIGADE GETS NEW COMMANDER

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DARMSTADT, Germany -- Command of V Corps' 22nd Signal Brigade changed hands in a ceremony at a ceremony at Kelley Barracks here July 14.

Col. Frederick A. Cross accepted command of the brigade from outgoing commander Col. Jeffrey G. Smith, who is moving on to an assignment as the deputy commander of the Army's Signal Regiment at Fort Gordon, Ga.

A native of Franklin, Va., Cross comes to the brigade from Stuttgart, Germany, where he served as the chief of plans and operations in the signal directorate of the U.S. European Command.



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Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, acting V Corps commander (left), passes the guidon of the 22nd Signal Brigade to the brigade's incoming commander, Col. Frederick A. Cross, during a change of command ceremony at Kelley Barracks in Darmstadt July 14.

The new commander was a distinguished military graduate at Virginia State University in 1981. He also has a master's degree from Webster University.

Cross was also a distinguished graduate of the Signal officer advanced course, where he received the Kilbourne Leadership award. He was again distinguished graduate at the communications electronics staff officer and the logistics officer courses.

Cross began his career with the 293rd Signal Company, 1st Signal Brigade in Taegu, Korea. That tour was followed by assignments at Fort Ord, Calif., where he had successive assignments as battalion signal officer for the 1st Battalion, 51st Air Defense Artillery and 7th Infantry Division radio and switch officer. His other assignments include assignments at the 141st Signal Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Ansbach, Germany; the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Erlangen, Germany; the 1st Battalion, 43rd ADA, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas (where he deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm); the 24th Signal Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.; as operations plans officer in the Combined Forces Command signal directorate and U.S. Forces Korea signal officer in Yongsan, Korea; as commander of the 63rd Signal Battalion at Fort Gordon, Ga.; as signal task force commander supporting Joint Task Force Aquila in Central America in support of Hurricane Mitch disaster relief, and as deputy commander of 3rd Signal Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas.

Cross' military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal; the Korean Defense Service Medal; the Southwest Asia Service Medal; the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal; the Humanitarian Service Medal; the Overseas Service Ribbon; the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia) and the Air Assault and Parachutist badges.

