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## 1ST ARMORED DIVISION'S SENIOR ENLISTED SOLDIER SELECTED AS NEW V CORPS COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

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**HEIDELBERG, Germany** — V Corps will hail a new corps command sergeant major in a welcoming ceremony planned for September 13 at Campbell Barracks here.



SGT GREGORY WITHROW

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bush stands at attention before the 1st Armored Division's color guard at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany when Bush, the division's command element and 500 division Soldiers returned to Germany from their 15-month tour supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom July 14. Bush is scheduled to become the V Corps command sergeant major in a September 13 ceremony at Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg, Germany.

During the ceremony the corps will welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Bush as its new senior enlisted Soldier and bid farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce L. Likens.

Likens has served as acting sergeant major for V Corps since February. With the arrival of Bush, Likens will return to his position as command sergeant major of V Corps' 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Giebelstadt Army Airfield, Germany.

Bush comes to the corps headquarters from the corps' 1st Armored Division, where he served as

command sergeant major since June 2001. During his tour with the division, Bush deployed to Southwest Asia for more than a year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Bush originally entered the service in 1971 at Fort Ord, Calif. Following that tour, he left the military for a year, then re-entered the service in June 1975. He has since served in leadership positions ranging from long-range reconnaissance patrol team leader to command sergeant major. His assignments have included the U.S. Army Drill Team, 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard); fire direction center chief and platoon sergeant in the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga.; platoon sergeant of the 4.2 mortar platoon, 3rd Battalion, 68th Armor, Mannheim, Germany; platoon sergeant, senior intelligence sergeant and first sergeant in the 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C.; operations sergeant major for the 2nd Maneuver Training Command, Fort Jackson, S.C.; command sergeant major of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry in Baumholder, Germany; command sergeant major of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division; command sergeant major of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry; post command sergeant major, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, La., and command sergeant major of the 1st Armored Division.

He has attended numerous Army schools and training programs, including the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 36), the First Sergeants Course and the Jumpmaster Course.

Bush's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Commendation Medal; the Army Achievement Medal; the Good Conduct Medal; the National Defense Service Medal,

the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the NCO Professional Development Ribbon; the Army Service Ribbon; the United Nations Medal; the NATO Medal; the Multinational Force and Observers Medal; the Armed Forces Service Medal; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the Meritorious Unit Commendation; the Army Superior Unit Award; the Master Parachutist's Badge; the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Expert Infantryman's Badge. Bush also wears airborne wings from Egypt, Germany, Jordan, Israel, England and Sudan.

