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USAREUR announces new Command Sergeant Major

Gen. Carter Ham, United States Army Europe commanding general, announced today that he has selected Command Sergeant Major Ralph Beam as the 14th USAREUR command sergeant major.

“I am pleased to announce the Command Sgt. Major Beam will serve as my right hand, my senior enlisted advisor,” said Ham, during his announcement. “Command Sgt. Major Beam is an outstanding senior noncommissioned officer who represents everything a Soldier should aspire to be. He’s a warrior, leader, and mentor. He will continue to act as the voice of the enlisted Soldiers and their families throughout USAREUR. I know I can depend on him to set the standard that all Soldiers should strive to attain.”

Beam, who had served as the V Corps command sergeant major since August 31, 2005, assumed the position of the interim USAREUR command sergeant major in June. Beam joined the U.S. Army in 1976, on the Army’s birthday, June 14, as an Infantryman. He has served in all facets of the Infantry, including Ranger regiments, airborne units and mechanized infantry units. While assigned to V Corps, he deployed to Iraq as the Multinational Corps, Iraq command sergeant major. His previous assignments include the 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; Fort Benning, Ga.; and Fort Campbell, Ky.

Beam’s awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak-leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Action Badge.

“This is a great honor. U.S. Army Europe is a prestigious command with a proud history. As we continue to fight the Global War on Terror and transform USAREUR, we are writing the next chapter of that history right now. I am proud to have a role in those missions and for the opportunity to work with the finest Soldiers in the world,” Beam said.