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ELECTRONIC NEWS RELEASE: Col. John Cushing takes command of the 194th Armored Brigade

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Col. John M. Cushing assumed command of the 194th Armored Brigade from Col. Scott King today at Brave Rifles Field.

“John and his Family come in ready to go. When I look at John’s resume, you probably don’t get a better person to hand the colors to than John Cushing,” said Maj. Gen. Scott Miller, commanding general of the Maneuver Center of Excellence.

Cushing was commissioned as an Armor officer at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He has served in multiple tactical assignments in the 3rd Infantry Division and the 1st Cavalry Division.

In the 1st Cavalry Division, Cushing served as squadron commander. Most recently he served as the G3, deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Resolute Support.

He served as a Tank Company commander and Recon Troop commander with the 2nd Brigade at Fort Stewart, Georgia, and as a Battalion S3 and Brigade executive officer for the 3rd Brigade here, as a member of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Cushing’s combat action includes tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

His awards include the Bronze Star with three Oak Leaf Cluster and the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. During his career Cushing has earned the Combat Action Badge, the Airborne Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Ranger Tab.

At the change of command ceremony, Cushing said that he and his Family, his wife and three children, are blessed to be back at Fort Benning.

Cushing said that he does not take the command responsibility lightly.

“When I ask trainees why they join the Army, some join to be a part of a Family legacy, some want to be a part of something bigger than themselves, some want discipline and direction in their lives, some are looking for a new beginning. Whatever the reason, Sergeant Major and I are committed to giving them the opportunity to become an American Soldier,” Cushing said. “The fathers and mothers of this great nation are trusting all the leaders in this brigade that you see before you to do the right thing, and we don’t intend to let them down.”

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King told the audience he was blessed to have observed the greatest leaders who make sure the Armored Brigade graduates are Soldiers who are ready, competent and committed to the profession.

“It is a pleasure to pass the brigade colors to you, because I truly believe you’re not only the right leader, but the best leader to take this brigade forward. You have a great unit in place, a great community. Time will quickly pass. Enjoy the ride,” King said to Cushing.

Photos of the change of command ceremony are available online at <http://tiny.cc/gbb0zx>. Video footage is available at <https://vimeo.com/132246154>.

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