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MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning's Infantry Commandant to be reassigned

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The Maneuver Center of Excellence's Infantry School Commandant, Brig. Gen. David B. Haight, has been reassigned as the deputy commanding officer, Regional Command-East, Afghanistan.

Haight was promoted to brigadier general April 5th and he has served as the 53rd Chief of Infantry since August 2012.

A native of Fairfax, Va., Haight was the ROTC Distinguished Military graduate at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

As the Infantry Commandant, Haight is responsible for all facets of Infantry training, including all doctrine, policies and responsibilities relating to the Infantry force.

Haight was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in 1986 upon graduating from Brigham Young University. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and master's degrees from both the U.S. Naval Command and Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Haight's first assignment was at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in Company C, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Next, he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he served as both a Weapons and Rifle Platoon Leader (Operation Just Cause) and a Battalion Assistant S-4 (Logistics Officer).

His additional assignments include S-3 Air (Operations) and Rifle Company Commander in 4th Battalion, 87th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He returned to 2nd Ranger Battalion to serve as the Battalion S-4 during Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti and Operation Safe Haven in Panama and then commanded A Company. Later, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., where he served as the Battalion Liaison Officer, Operations Officer, and Executive Officer. Haight then served as the Deputy Director and Chief of Operations of the Army Compartmented Element (ACE) of United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC).

During Haight's assignment as the commander of the 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division he served a combat tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom and then commanded 2nd Ranger Battalion with multiple combat tours in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He also commanded 3rd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 10th Mountain Division and served a combat tour in Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to his assignment as the Infantry Commandant, Haight served as

the Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Deputy Director of the Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, J-5, Joint Staff.

Haight has earned numerous awards and decorations, to include the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with 1 oak leaf cluster; Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters; the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; the Joint Service Commendation Medal; the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; the Army Achievement Medal; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead Device and Campaign Star; both the Afghan and Iraq Campaign Medals; the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals; the Humanitarian Service Medal with two Campaign Stars; the Overseas Ribbon with numeral four; and the NATO Service Medal. Also, he has the Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster and the Valorous Unit Award. His combat skill badges include the Combat Infantryman's Badge-second award, the Master Parachutist Badge with Bronze Combat Jump Star, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Ranger Tab and several foreign parachutist wings.

A brief media opportunity with Brig. Gen. Haight has been scheduled immediately after the departure ceremony. Media who wish to cover the ceremony must call the Public Affairs Office at 706-545-8970 to arrange for a PAO escort to the event.

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