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MEDIA RELEASE: Armor School welcomes new command sergeant major

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The U.S. Army Armor School will officially welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Clemens during a ceremony at 4 p.m. Oct. 28 in Derby Auditorium, McGinnis-Wickam Hall.

As the U.S. Army Armor School Command Sergeant Major, Clemens is responsible for carrying out policies and standards of performance, training, appearance and the conduct of enlisted personnel across the installation and the Armor branch.

Clemens is a native of Republic, Mo. He entered the military in November 1989 and attended basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Clemens assumed the role as Armor School Command Sergeant Major on Sep. 13. Prior to this position he served as the Command Sergeant Major of the 316th Cavalry Brigade here.

Other units he has served with include: platoon sergeant for D Troop, 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry (Airborne) (Opposing Force), 19 D, Cavalry Scout Branch Manager at Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Va.; first sergeant at A Troop, 1st Squadron (Airborne), 17th Cavalry Regiment; C Troop, 73rd Cavalry (Airborne); and B Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry (Airborne). He also served as the Squadron Command Sergeant Major of 4th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry (Airborne).

Clemens is a graduate of the Drill Sergeant School, Scout Platoon Leaders Course, Cavalry Leaders Course, Air Assault Course, Basic Airborne Course, Jumpmaster Course, Pathfinder Course, the Joint Firepower Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, the First Sergeant Course, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course and the Command Sergeants Major Course.

Clemens is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, a recipient of the Draper Armor Leadership Award and has been inducted into the orders of Saint George and Saint Maurice. He is also a distinguished member of the 505th and 508th Parachute Infantry Regiments.

Media who wish to cover the ceremony must call the Public Affairs Office at 706-545-2237 to arrange for a PAO escort to the event. Media pick-up time is 3:00 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Benning Road Access Control Point.

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