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MEDIA RELEASE: 316th Cavalry Brigade to conduct change of command

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Col. Thomas M. Feltey will assume command of the 316th Cavalry Brigade from Col. William L. Thigpen during a change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. July 7 on Brave Rifles Field at Harmony Church.

A New Jersey native, Feltey enlisted in the NJ Army National Guard in February 1988 and served as an Infantryman. He was commissioned as an Armor officer upon his graduation from Rutgers University in 1993, where he earned a Bachelor of Science. He also holds a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Navy War College, and a master's degree in campaign planning and strategic studies from the Joint Forces Staff College of the National Defense University.

He is a graduate of the Scout Platoon Leader's Course, Cavalry Leader's Course, Naval College of Command and Staff, the Maritime School of Advanced Military Studies and the Joint Advanced Warfighting School.

Feltey's most recent assignment was as the senior advisor to the Ministry of Peshmerga, and Northern Affairs for the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq at the U.S. Consulate General Erbil, Iraq. Some of his previous assignments include commander of 2nd Battalion, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; deputy assistant chief of staff G35 in the NATO Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in Rheindahlen, Germany, and Gloucester, England; and deputy CJ35 of the ISAF Joint Command.

He has served as a Maneuver Captains Career Course small group instructor, and also as chief of the commanding general's planning group for the U.S. Armor Center from 2002 to 2005. He has deployed in support of operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Sea Signal.

Thigpen has been reassigned to U.S. Army War College in Washington, D.C., with duty at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The 316th Cavalry Regiment conducts more than 10 courses for Armor and Cavalry enlisted Soldiers and officers training them in reconnaissance, maintenance, weapons systems, combatives and unmanned ground and unmanned aerial vehicles.

Media interested in covering the ceremony should call the MCoE Public Affairs Office to coordinate a media escort to Brave Rifles Field.

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