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### **MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning to welcome new garrison commander**

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**FORT BENNING, Georgia** – Col. Alexis Rivera will assume command of U.S. Army Garrison Fort Benning from Col. Matthew Scalia during a change of command ceremony at 8 a.m. June 4 on York Field.

Rivera began his military career by enlisting as an Infantryman during October 1986, serving with the 1st Ranger Battalion, and deploying to Operation Just Cause. He attended Columbus State University and was later commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate into the Armor branch in December 1997.

His most recent assignment was as Director for the Maneuver Battle Lab at Fort Benning, Georgia. His previous assignments include planner, operations officer for 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia and battalion executive officer of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia. From 2014 to 2015, he served as the Armor Corps Advisor for the Royal Saudi Land Forces, United States Military Training Mission. Rivera also commanded 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas from June 2016 to July 2018, and served in Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve.

Rivera's military training includes Air Assault School, Airborne School, Ranger School, Armor Basic Officer Leader Course, Captains Career Course and National War College.

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Benning is part of Installation Management Command's training directorate. The garrison provides base operations, public works and family support programs for Soldiers and their Families. These services include morale, welfare and recreation, education services, food and laundry services, religious support, fire and emergency services, and residential housing.

Media pickup will be at 7:30a.m. June 4. Those planning to cover this event should call the MCoE Fort Benning Public Affairs office to coordinate a media escort by 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3.

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