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MEDIA RELEASE: U.S. Army Armor School commandant changes responsibility

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FORT MOORE, Georgia – Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Feltey relinquished responsibility of the U.S. Army Armor School to Brig. Gen. Michael J. Simmering during a Change of Responsibility ceremony today at the 1918 Club.

Simmering comes to Fort Moore from Fort Bliss, Texas, where he served as the Deputy Commanding General – Operations of 1st Armored Division.

“A lot of people have asked me, ‘What do you think of your new position?’ and really the only word that comes to mind is humble,” Brig. Gen. Simmering, Armor School commandant said. “I’m honored to lead the talented Soldiers and civilians of the Armor School and I’m eager for the chance to serve the Armor community.”

In 1993, Simmering commissioned as an Armor Officer from the United States Military Academy. He served as a platoon leader, executive officer and assistant S-3 with 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss and Fort Carson, Colorado. Following the Armor Officer Advanced Course, he served in III Corps as an operations officer, assistant S-3, and company commander with 1st Battalion, 67th Armor, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. He then served as an observer/controller at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany from 2001-2003.

In 2004, he returned to Fort Carson where he served as the 3rd Armored Cavalry regimental plans officer and the 2nd Squadron operations officer, deploying to Tal Afar District of Ninewah Province, Iraq. In 2007, Simmering continued service as a regimental S-3 and regimental executive officer, deploying with the regiment to Mosul, Iraq.

In 2008, he served as the deputy chief of staff for the 4th Infantry Division. From 2009-2012, he commanded the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, deploying to Khandahar Province, Afghanistan. Later, he assumed duties as the division G-3, 4th Infantry Division. Following senior service college, he served as a deputy command center director for United States Northern Command. He then served as the

brigade commander for 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Georgia and the deputy commander/chief of staff for the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana. From 2017 to 2019, he served as the brigade commander for 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

Following brigade command, Simmering served as the commander for Operations Group at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, from 2019-2021. He most recently served as the deputy commanding officer – support for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss.

Simmering's military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University. His civilian education includes a bachelor's degree in engineering management from the United States Military Academy as well as master's degrees from Kansas State University and the National Defense University.

His awards and decorations include three Legions of Merit, one Bronze Star, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, an Army Achievement Medal, the Parachutist's Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

"This school is at the center of ensuring our force is ready and postured to fight and win," Maj. Gen. Curtis Buzzard, Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Moore commanding general said. "I have no doubt (Brig. Gen. Simmering) will take the Armor School and the MCoE to new heights."

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