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**Savusa to take installation CSM position:**

FORT POLK, La. – The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk will welcome its new command sergeant major this summer. Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua T. Savusa, a native of American Samoa, brings with him 27 years of military experience.

Savusa is currently the 3rd Brigade, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) command sergeant major, and is expected to arrive here in mid-May or early June.

Coincidentally, Savusa's military career began at Fort Polk June 17, 1975. Savusa attended basic training and advance individual training here. He holds an Associate of Arts from Kemper Military School and College. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy - Class 46.

Savusa served as the command sergeant major of Task Force Rakkasan, 101st Airborne, during Operation Enduring Freedom. In combat, he participated in Operation Anaconda, Mountain Lion, Apache Snow II and Cherokee Sky.

Savusa is married to the former Mareta S. Iese, also from American Samoa. They have five children: Alexis, Alexandrya, Alexander, Alexandrite and Meiyann.

Previous assignments include 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea, operations sergeant major; 5th Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Hawaii, first sergeant; 2nd Reserve Officer Training Corps Region, Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Ky., with duty at Kemper Military School and College, Boonville, Mo.; and senior instructor for the Air Assault School and chief instructor of the Light Fighters Course at the Light Infantry Training Center.

Awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with V device (one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (five oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (two oak leaf cluster), Multinational Force and Observer Medal, Ranger Tab and drill sergeant badge. A welcome ceremony will be held at a later date.

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