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Fort Polk to welcome new Command Sergeant Major

Fort Polk, La. --- The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk post command sergeant major position is scheduled to be filled by Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua T. Savusa June 19.

Savusa will join Fort Polk after serving in the Headquarters, 3rd Brigade, 101st at Fort Campbell Kentucky.

A ceremony is scheduled for his assumption of responsibility on Thursday, June 19 at 9 am at Warrior Pad, here.

(Biography attached)

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Biography of Command Sergeant Iuniaolua T.Savusa

CSM Iuniasolua Tului Savusa is a native of American Samoa. He assumed the position of CSM, 3rd Brigade, 187th Infantry Regiment (Rakkasans), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) on 29 April 1999 following his duties as CSM of 1st Battalion 502 Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

CSM Savusa began his military career more than 27 years ago on June 17, 1975. After his graduation from high school, he attended Basic Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort Polk, LA. He holds an Associate of Arts from Kemper Military School and College. He is a graduate of class 46 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

His first duty assignment was with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash. From 1976 to 1978, he served with 2nd Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger) as a team leader and squad leader. In 1979, he returned to the 9th Infantry Division and

served as a scout squad leader with 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry. In 1980, he returned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger) as a squad leader.

In 1981, CSM Savusa was assigned to the Joint Security Force Company, United Nations Command, Joint Security Area, Panmunjom, Korea, as a squad leader and platoon sergeant. In 1982, he served as a drill sergeant for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

From 1984 to 1988, CSM Savusa served with 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He was a line platoon sergeant and scout platoon sergeant with 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry. CSM Savusa then served as a senior instructor for the Air Assault School and chief instructor of the Light Fighters Course at the Light Infantry Training Center.

In 1988, CSM Savusa was assigned to 2nd ROTC Region, Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, with duty at Kemper Military School & College in Boonville, Missouri. He served as an operation sergeant, training NCO, and Military Science III instructor.

In 1992, he was assigned to 5th Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Hawaii, as first sergeant to include a short tour to Sinai, Egypt. In 1995, CSM Savusa attended the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. In 1996, he served as operation sergeant major, for 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea.

On 5 January 2001, he deployed to Afghanistan and served as the CSM, Task Force Rakkasan, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), on the War against Terrorism (Operation Enduring Freedom). In combat, he participated in Operation Anaconda, Mountain Lion, Apache Snow II, and Cherokee Sky.

Decorations awarded to CSM Savusa include the Bronze Star Medal w/V (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (7 OLC), Multinational Force and Observer Medal. He was also awarded the coveted Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Airborne, Air Assault, Pathfinder and the Drill Sergeant Badge.