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**Warrior Brigade Command Sergeant Major  
Change of Responsibility Ceremony**

FORT POLK, LA. – A Change of Responsibility ceremony is scheduled for 9:30 am Monday, October 27 at Warrior Brigade Field. The ceremony will honor Command Sergeant Major (CSM) John W. Monroe after 27 years of military service and nearly six years service to Fort Polk.

CSM Monroe enlisted in the Army on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1976. He received his basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia. In the years since, Monroe has served in every enlisted leadership position from squad leader to CSM. Some of his assignments include: C co Airborne, 4th Battalion (Bn), 9th Infantry, Alaska; A co, 4th Bn 325<sup>th</sup>, Italy; HHC, 2nd Bn, 325<sup>th</sup> Saudi Arabia; A co, 2d Bn, 325<sup>th</sup> Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti; Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Bragg, North Carolina (4 Tours); Fort Chaffie, Arkansas; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Stewart, Georgia and Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Assuming the responsibilities as the Fort Polk Warrior Brigade Command Sergeant Major will be CSM Ronald W. Ricci. CSM Ricci is currently Fort Polk's Commandant Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

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**Any media wishing to cover the change of responsibility ceremony should contact Ron Elliott at 531-1418 or Samantha Bingham at 531-4630. Media will be able to drive their vehicles to the ceremony site to allow for immediate departure after the ceremony.**