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## Command Sgt. Maj. Chance assumes responsibility of Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe

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**HEIDELBERG, Germany** –Command Sgt. Maj. Eugene B. Chance assumed responsibility of the Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe from Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Gragg, April 17 during a ceremony at Patton Barracks Fitness Center.

Gragg will become the command sergeant major for Landstuhl Regional medical Center.

Chance will be the third command sergeant major for the WTB-E since its activation on April 1, 2008. The WTB-E has provided transitional care for 775 active and Reserve Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers over the last four years.

Chance is accompanied by his wife, Adela Garcia-Chance, and their two sons, Nicholas and Aaron. WTB-E Commander Lt. Col. Michael C. Richardson welcomed Chance and his family to WTB-E. “Transition is our middle name and so goes this next transition...As we say good bye to one superior leader family we welcome another.

“Command Sgt. Maj. Chance has a very tough job ahead of him, but he comes with all the tools, intellect, and professionalism that he will need to take this organization to the next level,” Richardson said.

Chance came to the WTB-E from Italy where he was the command sergeant major for Allied Forces South (AFSOUTH). He said he is excited to be a part of the WTB-E and looks forward to engaging in the mission which is to help Soldiers heal as they transition back to the force or continue serving their country as a Veteran.

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“The Warrior Transition Battalion is an organization that puts Warriors first; I am so glad to be here and glad to be part of it,” Chance said.

Chance’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with two devices, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with five devices, Joint Service Commendation Medal with two devices, Army Commendation Medal with four devices, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal with six devices, Good Conduct Medal with seven devices, National Defense Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with four devices, Army Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal from Kuwait, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Drivers Badge. His foreign awards include parachutist badges from Germany and Australia.

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### **CUTLINE INFO:**

**CSM Chance\_CoR\_17APR2011\_027:** Lt. Col. Michael C. Richardson Hands the NCO Saber from Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Gragg to Command Sgt. Maj. Chance whom assumes responsibility for the Battalion

**CSM Chance\_CoR\_17APR2011\_006:** Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Gragg on the left and Command Sgt. Maj. Eugene B. Chance on the right, Lt. Col Michael C. Richardson before the change of responsibility ceremony.

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