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U.S. ARMY FIELD SUPPORT COMMAND / JOINT MUNITIONS COMMAND

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BRIG. GEN. JOHNSON NAMED TO LEAD AFSC

The Department of the Army has announced that Brig. Gen. Jerome Johnson has been assigned as commanding general of the U.S. Army Field Support Command. Brig. Gen. Johnson will succeed Maj. Gen. Wade H. McManus, Jr., as AFSC commanding general.

A change of command ceremony will be held on Arsenal Island on June 11. The ceremony will serve both as a welcome for Brig. Gen. Johnson and as a farewell for Maj. Gen. McManus, who has served here since October 2000 and is retiring from the Army after a military career of over 32 years.

As commanding general of AFSC, Brig. Gen. Johnson will lead a global organization responsible for providing front-line logistics support to combat units. The command manages Army pre-positioned stocks located in strategic locations around the world; maintains weapons and equipment at bases in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere; and oversees the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP), which provides contractor support in theaters of operation.

The U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, which is subordinate to AFSC and also headquartered at Rock Island, is responsible for providing conventional munitions to the Army and all other U.S. armed services. AFSC and JMC have a combined workforce of more than 1,100 employees on Arsenal Island.

Brig. Gen. Johnson previously served on the Arsenal from August 1999 through July 2001 as commanding general of the U.S. Army War Reserve Support Command, the predecessor command to AFSC. He comes to Rock Island from Department of the Army Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he now serves as Director of Plans, Operations and Readiness for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (G-4).

A native of Georgia, Brig. Gen. Johnson earned his commission as an officer through the ROTC program at Fort Valley State College, Ga. Upon his graduation in 1973, he was named as Distinguished Military Graduate and awarded a bachelor's degree in business administration. Brig. Gen. Johnson also holds a master's of business administration degree from Syracuse University in New York.

During his career, Brig. Gen. Johnson has been assigned to a number of key leadership and staff posts. He has served overseas in Germany and Korea, and at stateside installations such as Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he was an instructor at the Command and General Staff College. He also served at the Headquarters of the U.S. Army Materiel Command as executive officer to the deputy commanding general.

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