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## Hospital welcomes new CSM

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Soldiers and civilians with the Fort Carson Medical Department Activity came together to say farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Ly Lac and welcome Command Sgt. Maj. William Rost during a change of responsibility ceremony outside Evans Army Community Hospital June 12.

The ceremony marked the end of Lac's almost three years at Fort Carson. He heads to Europe to assume the responsibilities of Command Sergeant Major U.S. Army Europe Regional Medical Command at Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany.

"While here, he (Lac) kind of got in the gritty details of how hospitals run," said Col. John Mcgrath, MEDDAC commander. "He said NCOICs just can't be in charge of coordinating and logistics –they have to be able to run their clinics. They have to be general practice managers so that doctors and nurses can do doctor and nurse things."

In order to accomplish this Lac transformed the clinic NCOs into General Practice Managers by having them complete healthcare administration courses offered at Baylor University.

"To the Soldiers and civilian staff of Evans Army Community Hospital, I want you to know that you have overwhelmed me with your dedication and selfless service to our community," said Lac. "I am truly humbled to have the opportunity to serve alongside you and support you.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Rost, I know the Soldiers and civilian staff are in good hands to have you as the command sergeant major."

Rost comes to Fort Carson from Fort Benning, Ga., where he served as the Martin Army Community Hospital and MEDDAC Command Sergeant Major. Among others, his previous assignments include U.S. Forces Command Chief Medical NCO, senior medical enlisted advisor to the FORSCOM Command Surgeon and as the 1st Cavalry Division Chief Medical NCO.



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“He is coming to us from Fort Benning which is another vetted facility,” said McGrath. “(In Rost we) have a sergeant major who knows how we do business and can take us to the next level.”

“Col. McGrath, I have your back,” said Rost. “Soldiers and civilians of the hospital, this is a team effort and we are going to get after it.”



Command Sgt. Maj. William Rost (center) assumes responsibility for Fort Carson Medical Department Activity from Commander Col. John McGrath. (Photo by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Troth)