



New CSM takes responsibility of WTB

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During a Change of Responsibility ceremony Oct. 7, Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Lawrence relinquished responsibility of Fort Carson's Warrior Transition Battalion to Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Cole.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence positively and directly influenced the medical care and therapies of our nation's wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their families," said Lt. Col. Aaron Termain, WTB commander.

"I was fortunate enough to have a unit full of knowledgeable, professional staff and cadre," said Lawrence. "My mission was to do everything I could to make the Warrior Transition Battalion one of the best in the Army. We had our bumps in the road, but we always came through together and pressed on."

Lawrence is not only leaving the WTB, but he is also retiring from the Army after serving for 30 years. Although he will no longer be wearing the military uniform, Lawrence will continue to serve as a fireman with Denver's South Metro Fire Rescue Authority.

Cole brings 25 years of military knowledge to the WTB. He is a Colorado National Guardsman who is no stranger to Fort Carson. His last assignment was as command sergeant major for the Centennial Training Center on post.

Termain told Cole that by assuming responsibility of the WTB he was taking on the most challenging and complex job of his career, but also the most important and rewarding.

"Although I have only begun to get to know the Soldiers and their families in the unit, what I have seen over the past few weeks is a professional Corps of NCOs who truly care about and completely lead the Soldiers assigned to the unit," Cole said. "And, successfully return them to the field – either in the Army or as a successful and respected veteran."



Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Cole takes a sword from Lt. Col. Aaron Termain, signifying his assumption of responsibility of the unit. (U.S. Army photo by Jeff Troth)