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MAJ. GEN. RADIN TAKES CHARGE OF ASC

ROCK ISLAND, Illinois --- Maj. Gen. Robert M. Radin took command of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command today at a change of command ceremony held on Memorial Field, Arsenal Island, Ill.

Maj. Gen. Radin succeeds Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson as the ASC commanding general. Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, who has served at Rock Island since June 2004, is headed to Fort McPherson, Ga., to become the senior logistician in Forces Command, officially known as the G4, Deputy Chief of Staff-Logistics.

As commanding general of ASC, Maj. Gen. Radin leads a global organization responsible for providing front-line logistics support to Army combatant commands and joint forces around the world. 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. It also manages equipment left behind by deploying units and pre-deployment training equipment sets around the continental United States, and holds a critical role in the Army's equipment reset programs.

Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, presided at the ceremony. In his remarks, Gen. Griffin said, "ASC is 'On the Point' around the world serving Soldiers. Jerry Johnson has done a great job putting together the Army Sustainment Command that is focused on supporting the forces in the fight as well as resetting the force as it goes back to the fight. He passes this legacy to Bob Radin, a great leader who's also focused on Soldiers and making things happen.

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“We say farewell to a great team, Maj. Gen. Johnson and Doris Johnson, while we welcome a great team, Maj. Gen. Radin and Sara Radin --- two of the best general officers the Army has to offer!”

In his parting remarks, Maj. Gen. Johnson emphasized, “The ASC could not have become a reality anywhere else in the world. You’ve got the kind of folks in this area who have the heart and drive to make ASC work. This couldn’t have been done without the support staff and local community. Thanks for letting me do the things I did as we formed the ASC.”

Addressing the command for the first time, Maj. Gen. Radin said, “It’s great to be back in the Quad Cities, because Sara and I feel it’s like coming home. It is also great to be back working with Soldiers supporting the joint forces. I’m looking forward to the challenges.

“May God Bless America and our Soldiers keeping people safe around the world.”

Maj. Gen. Radin previously served at Rock Island from September 2003 to September 2005 as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command. He was then assigned to ASC’s higher headquarters, the U.S. Army Materiel Command, where he served as G3, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, the post he held when he was selected as ASC’s commanding general.

A native of North Plainfield, N.J., Maj. Gen. Radin was commissioned as an officer in 1976, following his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He also holds postgraduate degrees from the Florida Institute of Technology and the National Defense University.

During his career, Maj. Gen. Radin has been assigned to a number of key posts. He has served overseas in Germany, Korea, and Saudi Arabia and has combat tours in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada. Some other key positions he has held are: military assistant and logistics staff officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at the Department of the Army; commander of the Division Support Command, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and chief of the J4, Logistics Operations Division at the U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

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