WEST POINT WELCOMES NEW COMMANDANT – Jan. 18, 2013

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Brigadier Gen. Richard D. Clarke will assume command as the 74th Commandant of Cadets from Brig. Gen. Theodore D. Martin during a ceremony Friday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. in the Cullum Hall ball room.

Martin will become the commanding general of the National Training Center and Fort Irwin, Fort Irwin, Calif.

Clarke graduated from West Point in 1984. His military education includes Infantry Officer Basic Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Clarke has commanded at every level from company through brigade. Other assignments include Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 101st Airborne (Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.; Ranger Reconnaissance Detachment, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.; 3d Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.; and 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga. He most recently served as the Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, N.Y.

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Editor’s Note: A brief media opportunity with Brig. Gen. Clarke will be available immediately following the ceremony. Media representatives interested in attending should coordinate with the Public Affairs Office 845-938-2006 to participate in advance. Photo available upon request.