



Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling

U.S. Army Europe to welcome new commander

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HEIDELBERG, Germany -- A welcome ceremony for the new commanding general of U.S. Army Europe will be held here later this month.

Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling replaces Gen. Carter F. Ham, who assumed command of U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart March 9.

"Sue and I are extremely excited to be back in Europe because we consider this our professional home," Hertling said. "This is the best place to grow as a professional Soldier or civilian, broaden experiences by dealing with our terrific allies, and raise families. There is nowhere else we'd rather be, and we look forward to the great adventures associated with serving here."

The U.S. Senate confirmed Hertling as the next commanding general of USAREUR March 2.

Hertling's previous assignment was as deputy commanding general of U.S. Training and Doctrine Command, Initial Military Training.

Hertling has a long history in USAREUR, starting as a second lieutenant with 64th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division in Schweinfurt in 1975, and later as deputy assistant chief of staff for operations in Ansbach from 1988-90; and as operations officer for 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry while deployed to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War in 1990-91.

Hertling also deployed to Iraq as 1st Armored Division assistant division commander (support) from 2003-04; commanded the Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwoehr from 2004-05; served as Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, USAREUR, from 2005-07; and commanded the 1st Armored Division in Wiesbaden and Iraq from 2007-09.