WEST POINT WELCOMES NEW COMMANDANT – Aug. 7, 2014

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Brigadier Gen. John C. Thomson III will assume command as the 75th Commandant of Cadets during a ceremony Monday, Aug. 11 at 1:30 p.m. in Crest Hall.

Thomson who hails from Tyler, Texas, graduated from West Point in 1986 and holds a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Leader Development from Long Island University. His military education includes the German Army’s Tactical Warfighting Course, the Combined Arms Services and Staff School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Joint and Combined Warfighting School of the Joint Forces Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College Fellowship program at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C.

Thomson has commanded at every level from company through division. Other assignments include 6th Battalion, 41st Field Artillery in Kitzingen, Germany, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Nuremburg, Germany, Operations Officer for the 1st Armored Division Artillery in Baumholder, Germany, Tactical Officer for the U.S. Corps of Cadets at West Point, New York, 4th Infantry Division (M) at Fort Hood, Texas, 2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery (MLRS) of the 214th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Executive Officer to the Commanding General of Multi-National Corps, Iraq. He most recently served as Deputy Commander for the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado.

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