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USACRC welcomes new command sergeant major

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FORT RUCKER, Ala. — The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center welcomed a new command sergeant major in a change of responsibility ceremony here Wednesday, November 10.

Command Sgt. Maj. James L. Light, Jr., a native of Holly Springs, Ms., was installed as the Army's top enlisted adviser on safety and occupational health issues after assuming duties from Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Gardner II, who had been with the USACRC since June 2019.

"It's a privilege and an honor to serve a command that so significantly impacts the Army on a daily bases," Light said. "Helping units and formations preserve their readiness by reducing preventable mishaps is one of the highest callings, and I'm happy and excited to be part of the team."

Light most recently served as command sergeant major for 1st Squadron 7th Cavalry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and the 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

Brig. Gen. Andrew C. Hilmes, Headquarters, Department of the Army; director of Army Safety and commanding general, USACRC, said Light is a welcome addition to his command team.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Light brings valuable and unique experience to our team," he said. "He will play a critical role as we work to drive down mishaps that degrade readiness and take a toll on formations and families."

For more information on the USACRC or to view Command Sgt. Maj. Light's complete biography, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.