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**COL. ROBERT L. CURSIO JR.**

**Commanding Officer**

Assumed command on June 26, 2003

Col. Robert L. Cursio Jr. was born in Altoona, Pa., on July 17, 1957. In 1980, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Youngstown State University and began his career with a commission as a second lieutenant in the Infantry. He also holds a Master's Degree in management from St. Mary College in Leavenworth, Kansas, and a Master of Military Arts and Science from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

In 1992, while assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry as the battalion operations officer (S-3), Col. Cursio received an officer branch transfer to the Quartermaster Corps.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance courses, the Basic Airborne Course, the Jumpmaster course, the U.S. Army Ranger Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

His military services has included two tours with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, two tours with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, a tour with the Ranger Training Brigade, a tour with the Army Materiel Command and a tour with the Joint Readiness Training Center. Col. Cursio's deployments include operations Urgent Fury, Restore Hope, and Vigilant Warrior. His command and staff assignments include: commander, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry; S-3, 2nd Battalion, 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry; movement control officer, 10<sup>th</sup> Division Support Command; support operations officer and battalion executive officer for the 210<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> DISCOM; senior logistics advisor, Saudi Arabian National Guard, OPM-SANG, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; executive officer, 10<sup>th</sup> DISCOM; commander, 407<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., and senior logistics observer/controller, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La.

Cursio's awards include: the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge and the Ranger tab.

