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New commander of 3rd ID

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FORT STEWART - It started with the passing of the 3rd Infantry Division's colors, was punctuated by the handing over of a gold commander's ring, and ended with the pomp and circumstance of troops marching across Cottrell Field to a cadence tapped out by an Army band.

Pamela Walck covers a wide range of information about the 3rd ID. Go to savannahnow.com/blogs/militarymatters for more details and to share your thoughts.

When the ceremony was over Monday morning, Maj. Gen. Anthony Cuculo III was the new commanding general of the 3rd ID, and Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch was jobless for three days.

He's headed to Fort Hood, Texas, where he'll receive his third star and take command of the Army's III Corps in ceremonies slated for Friday.

"This has been the hardest departure Sarah and I have ever experienced," Lynch said in comments after the change-of-command ceremony. "Having to leave is devastating."

During formal comments, Lynch thanked the soldiers he served with - and the community at large - for making his 25 months at Fort Stewart's helm among the best of his 31-year military career.

"It has been the greatest honor of my career serving with the 3rd Infantry Division," Lynch said. "A couple years ago, I was selected to command a division in which I had never served at a place Sarah and I had never been before. As all military families do, we complied with orders."

Lynch said they immediately were welcomed by a gracious community.

Coming home

For Cuculo, 50, moving to Georgia has been more akin to a homecoming.

"I like to say this is my third assignment to a Fort Stewart-based division," he said after the ceremony.

A native of Suffern, N.Y., Cuculo was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division as a junior officer when the unit was based out of Fort Stewart.

Cuculo returned to Georgia from 1999 to 2001 as commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning.

The new commanding general said his family history with the 3rd ID goes back three decades to his father's days as an officer with the division during the Korean War.

"It is a humbling dream come true to be here today," Cuculo

Outgoing 3rd Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, right, congratulates incoming commander Maj. Gen. Anthony Cuculo III after passing him the torch of leadership at a change-of-command ceremony at Fort Stewart. (John Carrington/Savannah Morning News)



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said.

It was a sentiment shared by extended family members.

"(They are) thrilled to be back here," said Raye Virginia Allen, Cuculo's mother-in-law, who traveled from Texas to visit her daughter, Ginger, and participate in the change-of-command ceremony. "Two of their children were born here; two of the children attend college here.

"This was a welcomed move."

Allen said the Cuculos' eldest son, Tony-Allen, graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design several years ago.

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The couple's youngest daughter, Abbie, is currently enrolled at SCAD. The couple's third daughter, Mackie, is a student at the University of Texas-Austin.

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Cucolo arrives at Fort Stewart from his latest station as chief of public affairs for the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for all communication and public affairs issues involving the military branch.

Changes made to post elicit surprise

Cucolo said his "to-do list" includes learning as much as he can.

"Top things on the to-do list are to get to know the division and listen to the incredibly experienced leaders that the division has right now," he said. "I have a lot to learn about the way things are right now."

The new commander also joked that he has to learn his way around post, from the new division headquarters building to the new on-post housing.

"I didn't even recognize the place," he said. "I was driving down (Ga.) 144 ... and I saw this magnificently paved, smooth road with beautiful houses on the side of the road, and I said, 'Well, they put a resort community next to the small arms ranges.'

"The place looks absolutely fabulous. I haven't seen it in seven years. ... They have done a fabulous job, and, quite frankly, the soldiers and their families deserve it for what they have been doing over the last seven years."

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