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Townsend to serve as Commander, U.S. Africa Command

FORT EUSTIS, Va. – On April 29, 2019, the U.S. Senate confirmed [Gen. Stephen J. Townsend](#) to serve as the next commander of the [United States Africa Command](#). He currently leads the [United States Army Training and Doctrine Command](#), Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Townsend arrived at TRADOC in March 2018, following an assignment as the commander, [XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina](#).

The United States Africa Command is one of six U.S. Defense Department's geographic combatant commands, and is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for military relations with African nations, the African Union, and African regional security organizations.

Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk II will [assume command of TRADOC](#). Funk currently serves as the commanding general of [III Armored Corps and Fort Hood](#), Texas. He previously served as the commanding general, Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Central Command.

A date has not been set for a change of command ceremony at Fort Eustis. An announcement will be made when the date is finalized.

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