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Conde takes over as Evans' CSM

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Command Sgt. Maj. Theon Hart stepped down as the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity – Fort Carson top noncommissioned officer during a ceremony on Fort Carson's Founder Field June 12. He relinquished responsibility of the MEDDAC to Command Sgt. Maj. Federico Conde.

Conde comes to Evans Army Community Hospital after serving as the command sergeant major for the 21st Combat Support Hospital at Fort Hood, Texas. His military career began in 1989 at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Conde, you and your family have hit the jackpot. You are now at the most requested duty station in the U.S. Army," said Col. Patrick Garman, MEDDAC commander. "The Mountain Post is a well-run and supportive military installation that comprises exceptional military formations and a community that supports Soldiers, their families and all Department of Defense beneficiaries."

"My family and I are excited to join this outstanding team at the best home town in the Army," said Conde. "Evans Army Community Hospital has an outstanding reputation as a professional and extremely proficient medical team that delivers world class health care to the Soldiers and families of the 4th Infantry Division."

During his speech, Conde thanked Garman and Hart for the reception that they had given his family.

"To the Evans Army Community Hospital team I am humbled to be given the privilege to serve as your command sergeant major," he said. "I will strive to provide experience, guidance and mentorship to the hospital staff."

"Command Sgt. Maj. Conde, I know that you are the right Soldier, at the right time to continue the upward trajectory of our health care system," said Garman. "I can't wait to get started working together on behalf of our Soldiers, their families and our veterans."

Garman said that the ceremony was bittersweet to him. Although he was welcoming a new command sergeant major "with strong leadership

credentials" it was also a time to say goodbye to Hart "a well-respected professional Soldier and his great family."

"With CSM Hart leaving, the Fort Carson MEDDAC loses someone who cares deeply for our mission of providing a medically ready force and a ready medical force," Garman said. "I always knew he had the Soldiers and civilians best interests in mind when we discussed issues. He is not only a superior Soldier, but also an expert in the delivery of health care."

Hart said that leaving Evans was a "touching day" for him and he would not forget his two years at Fort Carson. After two years at Evans, Hart is heading to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he will be in charge of the enlisted division of the Army Medical Department Personnel Proponent Directorate. This division ensures that that the Army has enough enlisted Soldiers in each medical specialty to accomplish the Army's mission.

"Col. Garman, these past 12 months serving with you have been a pleasure," said Hart. "It has been an honor to have served with you, the civilians, NCOs, officers and Soldiers of Evans Army Community Hospital. It has been an honor to have been part of this great organization and it prides me to say that I was part of Evans Army Community Hospital, the best health care system in the United States Army."



Command Sgt. Maj. Federico Conde (center) accepts responsibility as the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity – Fort Carson senior enlisted advisor as he takes the unit colors from Col. Patrick Garman, MEDDAC and Evans Army Community Hospital commander. (Photo by Jeff Troth)



Command Sgt. Maj. Theon Hart addresses Soldiers and civilians of U.S. Army Medical Department Activity – Fort Carson during the Change of Responsibility ceremony where he stepped down as the unit's senior enlisted advisor. (Photo by Jeff Troth)



During the Change of Responsibility ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Federico Conde addresses Soldiers and civilians of U.S. Army Medical Department Activity – Fort Carson for the first time as their senior enlisted advisor. (Photo by Jeff Troth)