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MEDIA RELEASE: Promotion ceremony for MCoE Commanding General

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, commanding general of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, will be promoted to the rank of major general at 2 p.m. June 20 in the Regimental Room of the Benning Club.

Wesley assumed command at Fort Benning March 18.

He was commissioned as an Armor Officer from the United States Military Academy in 1986. He began his career as a Tank Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, and Battalion Logistics Officer in 2-70 Armor of the 1st Armored Division in Germany.

He has been assigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, and has spent three and a half years with the United States Army Special Operations Command, and deployed in support of operations in Bosnia. Wesley was also assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia. In September 2002, he deployed with 2nd Brigade to Operation Desert Spring in Kuwait, followed by Operation Iraqi Freedom, where 2nd Brigade led the 3rd Infantry Division's attack into Baghdad.

Wesley returned to Fort Riley in June of 2004 and assumed command of 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, and deployed to Iraq from January 2005-2006. In 2008, he assumed command of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. After command, he deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan where he served as the chief of future operations for the International Security Assistance Force. He then served for two years in the White House on the National Security Council as the director for Afghanistan-Pakistan policy. He later returned to Afghanistan where he was the director for plans, ISAF Joint Command in Afghanistan. He also served as the deputy commanding general (support) for the 1st Infantry Division, and most recently served on the Army Staff as G8, deputy of program analysis and evaluation.

Wesley is a graduate of the National War College, earning a master's degree in National Security Strategy. Wesley also holds a master's degree in International Relations from Troy State University.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He has also earned the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

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