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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: 33rd annual Best Ranger Competition to begin April 15**

**WHAT:** The David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition is a three-day competition that pits the military's best two-man Ranger teams against each other as they compete for the title of Best Ranger.

**WHO:** The competition is hosted by the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade. Approximately 50 two-man Ranger teams from around the world will compete for the coveted title.

**WHEN:** The first event is scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. April 15 and the competition will wrap up at approximately 4 p.m. April 17. A formal award ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. April 18.

**WHERE:** The competition will take place in various locations across post and at Camp Darby in Cusseta, Georgia. The award ceremony will be held at McGinnis-Wickam Hall in Marshall Auditorium.

**WHY:** The competition challenges two-man Ranger teams in events that test their physical conditioning, Ranger skills and team strategies. The three-day Best Ranger Competition was established in 1982 and has been compared to Ironman and Eco-Challenge competitions.

### **HOW**

**For the community:** The competition is open to the public and several events are spectator-friendly. A schedule of events will be released to the community April 13, via the Fort Benning Facebook page: <https://www.fb.com/fortbenningfans>. Family and friends are encouraged to tweet updates on their teams during the competition using the hashtag #2016BestRanger, @Fort Benning.

**For the media:** *A list of media opportunities will be released April 8; however, media who wish to cover any part of the competition should contact the Public Affairs Office to register for media credentials **no later than 4 p.m., April 1.***

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