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DATE: June 29, 2015

MEDIA ADVISORY: Fort Benning to invite media to upcoming events

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA – The following is a list of upcoming Fort Benning events scheduled now through the third week of July, how they may be covered and the deadlines for RSVP. Those listed as electronic news releases (ENR) are events the Public Affairs Office will provide coverage of via downloadable products that will be available by the date and time listed in the RSVP column.

For those events to which the media are invited, news organizations **MUST** RSVP by the stated deadline with the name(s) of the reporter they are sending. Failure to RSVP by the deadline may result in a lack of gate access.

Event	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Location	Coverage Window	RSVP Deadline
Tuesday, June 30, 2015				
194 th Brigade Change of Command	N/A	N/A	N/A	An ENR will be provided by 2:30 p.m. June 30
Thursday, July 2, 2015				
1-9 th Cavalry 50 th Anniversary Ceremony*	8:30 a.m.	Benning Boulevard Visitor Center	9 – 11 a.m.	Noon, June 30
463 rd Deployment Ceremony**	1:30 p.m.	I-185 Visitor Center	2 – 3 p.m.	Noon, June 30
Tuesday, July 7, 2015				
199 th Brigade Change of Command	N/A	N/A	N/A	An ENR will be provided by noon July 7
Wednesday, July 8, 2015				
Garrison Change of Command***	7:30 a.m.	I-185 Visitor Center	8 – 9 a.m.	Noon, July 6
VA Clinic Ribbon Cutting	10:30 a.m.	I-185 Visitor Center	11 a.m. – noon	Call MACH PAO by noon July 6: 762-408-0486 or 762-408-0487
Soldier Purple Heart Award	N/A	N/A	N/A	An ENR will be provided by noon, July 9
Friday, July 10, 2015				
Armor 75 th Anniversary Ceremony	8 a.m.	National Infantry Museum Parade Field	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Noon, July 8
Soldiers Medal Presentation	12:30 p.m.	I-185 Visitor Center	1 – 2 p.m.	Noon, July 9
Tuesday, July 14, 2015				
Martin Army Community Hospital Change of Command	Set by MACH PAO	Set by MACH PAO	9 – 10 a.m.	Call MACH PAO by noon July 10: 762-408-0486 or 762-408-0487

* The **1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment (Bullwhip Squadron)**, was activated on Fort Benning during July 1965. This ceremony will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Bullwhip Squadron’s activation and celebrate the unit’s heritage of service during Vietnam. The unit gained recognition in combat from 1965 to 1973, participating in 13 campaigns, accounting for more than half the enemy killed by the Division in Vietnam and flying more combat hours than any other comparably-sized unit. Three of its members received the Medal of Honor.

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** The **463rd Medical Detachment (Veterinary Support Services)** is preparing to deploy to provide area veterinary and food inspection support to Department of Defense entities within the countries of Kuwait, Jordan, Qatar, Iraq and Afghanistan.

*** Fort Benning will conduct a **change of command ceremony** to farewell Col. Gus Huerter and welcome Col. Andrew Hilmes (pronounced HELMS) as the new garrison commander.

For more information on these upcoming events, or to arrange for coverage, please call the MCoE Public Affairs Office.

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