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MEDIA ADVISORY: 32nd Annual Best Ranger Competition to begin April 10

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

WHO: The competition is hosted by the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade and Rangers from across the Army form two-man teams to compete. Units participating this year include the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the U.S. Army National Guard; the 25th Infantry Regiment, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York; and the 75th Ranger Regiment here, among others.

WHEN: The first event is scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. April 10 and the competition will wrap up at approximately 4 p.m. April 12. A formal award ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. April 13.

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

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 8, 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 #2015BestRanger, @Fort Benning.

For the media: *A list of media opportunities will be released April 3, 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., March 30.***

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