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MEDIA RELEASE: 98th Training Division changes command Sunday

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Brig. Gen. Tammy Smith will assume command of the 98th Training Division from Brig. Gen. Michaelene Kloster during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Nov. 8 on Inouye Field adjacent to the National Infantry Museum.

Smith began her military career in May 1986. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Oregon. She is also a graduate of the U. S. Army War College. She holds a Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix. Her previous assignment was as the deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Reserve, Washington, D.C.

Kloster has served as the commander of the 98th Training Division since Dec. 1, 2012. She will transition to the Individual Ready Reserve.

The 98th Training Division (Initial Entry Training) was established as an Infantry Division in the U.S. Army in the closing months of World War I. Following its organization in 1918, the 98th “Iroquois” Division experienced multiple activations and deactivations, as well as substantial reorganizations and changes of mission.

Since 1959, the 98th Training Division has been a unit of the U.S. Army Reserve with the primary mission of training Soldiers in basic combat training, advanced individual training, noncommissioned officer and officer professional development courses, Reserve Officer Training Corps instruction and one station unit training in Engineer and Infantry specialties.

After more than 45 years in Rochester, New York, the headquarters relocated to Fort Benning in July 2012, and continues to exercise command and control of four brigades located throughout 12 states in the eastern U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Please call the Public Affairs Office at 706-545-2238 or 352-584-6930 if you are interest in attending the ceremony. Media should arrive at Inouye Field no later than 9:45 a.m., as the ceremony begins promptly at 10 a.m.

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