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**MEDIA ADVISORY: “Trees for Troops” Christmas tree distribution**

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – The Trees for Troops program, sponsored by the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation and FedEx Corp., will deliver more than 800 live Christmas trees to active duty Fort Benning Soldiers and their families Dec. 5.

The trees will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Wetherby Field to active duty Soldiers and Family members with a valid military identification card.

This is the seventh year that Christmas tree growers and retailers nationwide have donated Christmas Trees for military families.

Approximately 17,000 trees from 29 states are expected to be delivered to military bases in the United States and overseas this year.

Since 2008, consumers have been able to participate in the program by purchasing and donating a tree at nearly 40 farm and retail lot locations during Trees for Troops weekend. Donations are also accepted at the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation website.

Since 2005, the program has delivered 67,000 trees to more than 40 U.S. military bases and to units in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Middle East and the 5th Fleet in the Gulf.

For more information on Trees for Troops, please contact the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation at 636-449-5060 or visit their website at [www.christmasspiritfoundation.org](http://www.christmasspiritfoundation.org).

Media who wish to attend should call the MCoE Public Affairs Office weekdays during duty hours to coordinate a media escort.

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