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MEDIA RELEASE: Maneuver Battle Lab open house to highlight proposed new technologies for the squad

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The Maneuver Center of Excellence and the Maneuver Battle Lab conducts experiments on the newest technologies and equipment to ensure Soldier's continued success in military operations against any threat.

These latest technologies will be featured during an open house at 1 p.m. Sept. 24 at McKenna Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training area. Along with the latest technologies, subject matter experts and the Soldiers who used the technologies during the experiments here will be available to answer questions about the equipment.

An example of one of the technologies that has been tested is the Man Portable Line Charge. The Man Portable Line Charge (MPLC) is a lightweight; portable; rocket launched explosive line charge which can be employed in 30 seconds. The MPLC assists small tactical units in conducting clearing operations in urban terrain and complex, mined or trip-wired environments. This technology is very similar to the tracked vehicle or towed trailer version which is used to provide minefield clearing capabilities for larger maneuver forces.

Other technologies to be featured during the open house include:

- Lightweight Small Arms Technology (LSAT) Cased Telescoped Lightweight Machine Gun
- Individual Assault Munitions
- M4A1 Carbine
- Squad Common Optic
- XM210 IR Hand Held Signal Parachute Flare
- XM MK3A3 Concussion Grenade
- Pen Flare
- Small Arms Signature Reduction/Flash Suppressor
- Modular Universal Battery Charger

Media who wish to cover the open house should call the Public Affairs Office at 706-545-8970 or 270-312-7800.

The Maneuver Center of Excellence, activated in October 2009, includes the Armor and Infantry schools plus their subordinate training brigades. As such, it's the hub for the Army's new Infantry-Armor alliance. Fort Benning teaches more than 180 courses ... both resident and via Mobile Training Teams at other installations in the United States and at deployed locations overseas.

Since relocation of the Armor School from Fort Knox in September 2011, Fort Benning has also been home to both the Armor and Infantry branches - All Armor and Infantry Soldiers start their Army journey here - from private to colonel. Fort Benning also trains 52 percent of all civilians who come into the Army through Initial Military Training. During fiscal year 2012, Fort Benning is resourced to train about 96,600 Soldiers. It is also the proponent for all Maneuver Forces.

The MCoE also conducts research, development and experimentation to ensure our future Army Maneuver Force is prepared and equipped to fight and win in a complex future environment. Through doctrine development, leveraging emerging technology and partnering with industry, the Maneuver Center is an advocate for the Maneuver Force.

Since 1918, Fort Benning has been an integral part of training our Army. Today, Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence provide trained, agile, adaptive and ready Soldiers and leaders for our Army at war, while developing capabilities for the Maneuver Force and the individual Soldier and providing a world-class quality of life for our Soldiers, Civilians and Army Families.

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