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MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning to hold Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 7

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence will honor veterans during a ceremony 10 a.m. Nov. 7 at Soldiers Field behind the National Infantry Museum.

The Veterans Day ceremony will be held in conjunction with 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment's basic training graduation. The U.S. Armor School Commandant, Col. Leopoldo Quintas, will give remarks to commemorate those who have served in the nations military; followed by a laying of a wreath, a three firing volley and the playing of *Taps*.

The event is open to the public.

Media link up time is 9:30 a.m., Nov. 7 at the front entrance of the National Infantry Museum. Media interested attending the event must call the Public Affairs Office at 706-545-2237 or 706-604-0468.

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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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