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MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning bids farewell to 192nd Infantry Brigade during a discontinuance ceremony June 19

FORT BENNING, Ga.—The 192nd Infantry Brigade will case its colors at the unit's relinquishment of command and discontinuance ceremony at 9 a.m. June 19 on the parade field behind the National Infantry Museum.

Col. Ronald Clark, commander of the 192nd since June 2011, will relinquish command of the brigade that has conducted Army Basic Combat Training in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism since it was reactivated here in 2007.

Clark plans to attend a Senior Service College Fellowship at Duke University, N.C. Previously, Clark served with Fort Benning's Ranger Training Brigade as an assistant operations officer.

Earlier this year, battalions of the 192nd Infantry Brigade were reorganized here, in preparation for the brigade's discontinuance. These actions are part of the Army's initiative to reshape its forces to meet national security requirements more effectively, while reducing its end-strength from 562,000 at the end of fiscal year 2012 to 490,000 by fiscal year 2020.

This restructuring will save the Army an estimated \$1,628,800 in fiscal year 2014. Forty-four military positions and 27 civilian positions – of which four are currently vacant—were affected by the restructuring. Affected Soldiers and civilian employees were reassigned to other vacant positions on post. The Maneuver Center of Excellence has also offered affected civilian employees the opportunity to take advantage of Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Programs.

These actions are not a result of sequestration. Instead they are the local reduction of the number of units needed to train fewer Soldiers at Fort Benning due to the overall drawdown of the Army. Since the wartime highpoint in 2010, the number of Soldiers who train here annually has dropped by about 23 percent. As a result, fewer units are needed to support the decreased training load. Battalion-levels units assigned to the 192nd will move under the 194th Armored Brigade, effective June 19. These units include:

- 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, 192nd Infantry Brigade
- 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 192nd Infantry Brigade
- 30th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), 192nd Infantry Brigade

The 192d Infantry Brigade has a rich history. It was constituted June 24th, 1921 in the Organized Army Reserves as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 192d Brigade and assigned to the 96th Division in Seattle, Wash. The unit was converted and re-designated in April 1942 (concurrently with the 191st Infantry Brigade) as the 96th Reconnaissance Troop of the 96th Infantry Division. The unit was ordered to active service Aug. 15, 1942 and reorganized at Camp Adair, Oregon, as the 96th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 96th Infantry Division.

Deployed in 1944 to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the 96th Infantry Division led the "Return to the Philippines Assault" and landed on Leyte Island on October 20, 1944 during World War II. The Division seized Leyte beaches, Hill 120 and

Catman Hill before moving inland to defeat major Japanese resistance and attacks at Tabonatabon and the Central Leyte Valley airfields.

The Division completed the Leyte mop-up and prepared to depart for the Ryukyus Campaign. The unit landed again with the 96th Infantry Division during amphibious assault landings on Okinawa April 1, 1945. The Division captured Dick Hill and Conical Hill and broke the resistance. The Division completed the Okinawa mop-up in late July 1945 and sailed to Mindoro Island in the Philippines to prepare for the planned invasion of Japan.

The Division returned to the United States in January 1946 and was disbanded. The Cavalry Troop was inactivated February 3rd, 1947, at Camp Anza, Calif. The troop was reorganized and re-designated during the next 15 years, before the Brigade was finally deactivated from the 96th Infantry Division in November 1962.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 192d Infantry Brigade remained inactive until withdrawn February 8th, 2007, from the Army Reserve and allotted to the Active Army as Headquarters, 192d Infantry Brigade and reactivated at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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Media link up time is 8:30 a.m. June 19 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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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.

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