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MEDIA RELEASE: Maneuver Center of Excellence units to host Massing of the Colors ceremony

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The Maneuver Center of Excellence’s 198th and 199th Infantry Brigades, together with the Columbus, Ga., chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars will host a Massing of the Colors ceremony at 9 a.m., April 26 at the National Infantry Museum Parade Field. This ceremony will be held in conjunction with an Infantry one station unit training graduation to honor the newest generation of Soldiers.

The Massing of the Colors is a patriotic ceremony held to rededicate faith in the colors of the United States and to display support of those Colors and the servicemen and -women those colors represent. The ceremony combines the colors and color guards of military units, as well as veteran, civic and patriotic organizations.

The ceremony originated on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1922, with the establishment of the Society of the Massing of the Colors by distinguished military officers, veterans and civic leaders. The Military Order of the World Wars, which is a major participant in this event, has fostered Massing of the Colors ceremony protocol since 1927 when the original society faded away. This event is open to the public.

Media interested in attending the ceremony must arrive at the National Infantry Museum Parade Field no later than 8:30 a.m. April 26. For more information please call the Public Affairs Office at 706-545-2237 or 706-604-0468.

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