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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Armor and Infantry to honor new Doughboy and Gold Medallion Recipients**

**DATE:** Sept. 9, 2013

**WHAT:** Three 2013 Doughboy Award recipients and two 2013 Order of Saint George Gold Medallion recipients will be recognized at the Doughboy and Order of Saint George Gold Medallion award dinner.

**WHEN:** A media opportunity will take place at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 10, at RiverMill Event Centre, 3715 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The dinner and award ceremony will follow the media op, but is open to attendees only.

**WHY:** The Doughboy Award is the highest honor the Chief of Infantry can bestow on an individual. The award is given annually on behalf of all Infantrymen past and present to individuals who have made substantial, lasting contributions to the Infantry.

The Order of Saint George Gold Medallion is the highest award for members of the Army's mounted force given by the U.S. Cavalry and Armor Association. Members of the Gold Order of the Order of Saint George nominate individuals and are elected into the order.

**WHO:** The 2013 Doughboy Award recipients are retired Gen. William F. Kernan, retired Command Sgt. Maj. George D. Conrad and the Honorable Ike Skelton.

The 2013 Order of Saint George Gold Medallion recipients are retired Col. James. G. Snodgrass and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Carl E. Christian.

**Kernan** retired from the Army in December 2002. Prior to his retirement, he served as the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic and Commander in Chief, United States Joint Forces Command, in Norfolk, Va. His combat tours include Vietnam, Grenada, and Panama, where he led the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment during Operation Just Cause and in a parachute assault onto Rio Hato.

**Conrad** retired from the Army in October 1996 after serving more than 34 years. His last assignment was as the command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Infantry Center here. A Vietnam veteran, Conrad has also served with the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. He was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2008.

**Skelton** served as the U.S. representative from Missouri's Fourth District from 1977 to 2011. He was instrumental in the enactment of the Goldwater-Nichols Act which simplified chains of command, reduced inter-service branch rivalries and implemented shared procurement processes between the branches of service. He recently drafted and helped institute the Weapons Acquisition Systems Reform Act and is a frequent speaker on topics that include national security.

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**Snodgrass** was commissioned as an Armor officer upon graduating from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa., in 1967. While serving in Germany with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, his squadron won the German armored reconnaissance Boeslager Cup Competition in 1987. In 1991 Snodgrass was the second American to serve as the chief judge of the Canadian Army Trophy. The Canadian Army Trophy is a tank gunnery competition between NATO countries. In 2006, he was named to the Board of Directors of the National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Foundation, which is working to build a new Armor and Cavalry Museum here.

**Christian's** career spanned more than 30 years. He served as a noncommissioned officer for all but six months of his Army career, while he was an enlisted Soldier. He retired from the Army in October 2005. His last assignment was as the command sergeant major of 14<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Forces Command. He is a former command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Armor Center and School, Fort Knox, Ky.

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