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MEDIA ADVISORY: Airborne Troopers 'Jump' to bring a happier holiday

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FORT BENNING, Georgia – Paratroopers from across the Maneuver Center of Excellence, joined by international partner nations, will jump start the holiday season with Operation Toy Drop 2021 at Lawson Army Airfield's McCarthy Hall and Fryar Drop Zone, Dec. 7.

The event, hosted by the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade's 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, invites paratroopers to bring a toy prior to jumping. The collected toys will benefit those in need through the Salvation Army and Fort Benning's Santa's Castle.

Approximately 400 airborne qualified personnel will participate in this year's event. Toys will be collected at McCarthy Hall, prior to paratroopers readying for the jump at Fryar Drop Zone. Directly following the jump, participants will be awarded their international jump wings during a ceremony at Fryar. Interviews will be available with paratroopers, jump masters and Fort Benning leaders along with pre- and post-airborne footage.

Media who wish to cover this event should call the MCoE Fort Benning Public Affairs Office to coordinate a media escort no later than 12 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6.

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