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MEDIA ADVISORY: Lt. Gen. Wetzel interment at Fort Benning Cemetery

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FORT BENNING, Georgia – Lt. Gen. Robert L. (Sam) Wetzel will be interred with full military honors during a ceremony scheduled for 2:30pm January 28, at the Fort Benning Main Post Cemetery.

During his distinguished Army career, Wetzel served two combat tours, first as an Infantry platoon leader on the Korean Peninsula and then as commander of the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment "Polar Bears" in South Vietnam. He served as the commanding general of Fort Benning during the early 1980's before returning to Europe and eventually commanding the V Corps in Frankfurt.

In his retirement, Wetzel and his wife Eilene continued their life of service, regularly attending meetings and ceremonies in their unwavering support of the Soldiers, families, and civilians of Fort Benning, Columbus, and the entire Chattahoochee River Valley.

Wetzel was born in Clarksburg, W. Va., on Oct. 6, 1930, and retired after 34 years of dedicated service; he passed away on Jan. 20, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Media who wish to cover this event should plan to arrive at the Fort Benning Road Access Control Point and Media Operations Center (past the National Infantry Museum) at 2:00pm. Please call the MCoE Fort Benning Public Affairs Office to confirm your attendance no later than 12 p.m. Thursday, January 27.

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