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DATE: Aug. 7, 2023

MEDIA ADVISORY: Soldier receives medal for saving lives

WHAT: Gen. Gary M. Brito, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, will present Pvt. Matthew Cole the Soldier's Medal for his heroic actions while off duty May 29, 2023.

WHEN: Aug. 8, 2023

WHERE: Fort Moore, Ga.

WHY: On Memorial Day 2023, while on a day pass following his "Turning Green" ceremony, Pvt. Cole distinguished himself by coming to the aid of a father and daughter caught in the rising waters of the Chattahoochee River. Cole's selfless disregard of his personal safety allowed both civilians to escape the rapids. The Soldier's Medal was established by an Act of Congress on July 2, 1926, and is awarded to any person of the Armed Forces of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who distinguishes himself or herself by heroism not involving conflict with an enemy.

HOW: Interested media representatives should contact the MCoE Public Affairs office ***no later than 4 p.m., Aug. 7, 2023***, to receive coordinating instructions.

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