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**DATE:** Nov. 13, 2023

**MEDIA ADVISORY: Fort Moore to memorialize Childers Gate**

**WHAT:** Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Moore are memorializing Childers Gate to honor and remember Medal of Honor recipient, retired Lt. Col. Ernest Childers.

**WHEN:** Nov. 16, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Access Control Point 8 (Alabama gate to Highway 165 by Eddy Bridge), Fort Moore, Ga.

**WHY:** Leadership invites you to attend a memorialization ceremony honoring retired Lt. Col. Ernest Childers, Medal of Honor recipient. Childers, a Muscogee (Creek) Native American, enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1937, was activated and deployed with the Thunderbird Division in 1941, and received a battlefield commission to second lieutenant in 1943 while on a campaign in Sicily. Upon invading Oliveto, Italy, his battalion was pinned down, and Childers took it upon himself to put together a team, secured positions, killed and captured enemy Soldiers all while injured. In April 1944, Childers became the first American Indian to receive the Medal of Honor in World War II for his actions. Childers served as an example of exceptional leadership, initiative, calmness under fire and conspicuous gallantry. Childers survived the war and remained in the U.S. Army until his retirement in 1965 reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He passed away in 2005.

During the event, Col. Colin P. Mahle, Fort Moore garrison commander, will deliver commemorative remarks, the MCoE Band will play, and there will be an unveiling of the dedication sign.

Childers Gate is the first of five access control points scheduled to be memorialized on Fort Moore over the next six months.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** ACP 8 will be closed to traffic from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the ceremony.

**HOW:** Interested media should contact MCoE Public Affairs by 4 p.m. Nov. 15 for coordinating instructions.

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