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MEDIA ADVISORY: Fort Moore Sand Hill gate to become Cashe Access Control Point

WHAT: The Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Moore will memorialize Access Control Point 5A to honor and remember Medal of Honor recipient, Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn C. Cashe.

WHEN: May 30, 2024, 1 p.m.

WHERE: Access Control Point 5A, Sand Hill, Fort Moore, Ga.

WHY: Cashe ACP is the final of five access control points to be memorialized across Fort Moore.

During the event, Maj. Gen. Curtis A. Buzzard, MCoE and Fort Moore commanding general, and Gen. Gary M. Brito, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command commanding general, will deliver commemorative remarks, the MCoE Band will play, including a special rendition of "Dogface Soldier", Cashe's family will be recognized, and there will be an unveiling of the dedication sign.

Cashe, a U.S. Army Infantryman and platoon sergeant stationed on Kelley Hill, on then Fort Benning, deployed with the 3rd Infantry Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III, his third in combat. On October 17, 2005, when on patrol during a route clearing mission near Forward Operating Base Macknezie in northern Iraq, Cashe's Bradley Fighting Vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. The explosion ignited the BFV's fuel cell and the entire vehicle became engulfed in flames. Cashe, drenched in fuel and on fire, climbed from the Gunner's seat, reached into the vehicle, and repeatedly went back through the rear hatch to help Soldiers escape. Cashe was able to retrieve all six of his men and an Iraqi interpreter from the burning vehicle. He administered first aid and oversaw their evacuations for medical treatment, all while receiving burns to nearly 72% of his body. Alwyn Cashe died on Nov. 8, 2005, at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, from the wounds he suffered.

Cashe earned the Silver Star for valor in combat and after years of his story of selfless service being shared, the award was subsequently upgraded to the Medal of Honor in 2021.

NOTE: Sand Hill ACP will be closed to incoming and outgoing traffic from approximately 12:30-2 p.m. this day.

HOW: Interested media should contact Public Affairs no later than 4 p.m., May 29 for coordinating instructions.

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