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MEDIA RELEASE: Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony scheduled for July 24.

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The Ranger Training Brigade and the 75th Ranger Regiment will conduct the 2013 Ranger Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Maneuver Center of Excellence headquarters building, McGinnis-Wickam Hall, July 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Marshall Auditorium. The event is open to the public.

The following Rangers will be inducted: Retired Gen. Peter Schoomaker, retired Lt. Gen. Gary Speer, retired Lt. Cols. James Dabney and Frederick Spaulding, retired Maj. Carleton Vencill, retired Command Sgts. Maj. Andrew McFowler, Doug Greenway, Bill Smith, Charles Williams, Robert Gilbert and Joe Mattison, retired Sgts. Maj. Matthew Berrena and Pat Hurley; retired Master Sgts. Howard Mullen, Thomas Bragg and retired Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Melillo.

Since 1992, the Ranger Hall of Fame has recognized the contributions of America's most extraordinary Rangers. Inductees are selected impartially from Ranger units and associations representing each era of Ranger history. They must have served in a Ranger unit during combat or have been a successful graduate of U. S. Army Ranger School. Each nominee is subjected to the scrutiny of a selection board to ensure the most extraordinary contributions are acknowledged.

The photos and citations of the individuals inducted will be preserved in the Ranger Hall of Fame located at the Ranger Training Brigade headquarters, Building 5024, here.

Opportunities for interviews with inductees will take place before the ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Media who wish to cover this event should arrive at the Fort Benning Road gate no later than noon. Biographies of inductees will be provided during the media opportunity. Please call the Public Affairs Office at **706-545-2237** or **706-604-0468** to confirm your attendance. Provide your name, organization and contact number.

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Media link up time is noon July 24 at the Benning Road Gate. Media interested attending the event must call the Public Affairs Office at 706-545-2237 or 706-604-0468.

The Maneuver Center of Excellence, activated in October 2009, includes the Armor and Infantry schools plus their subordinate training brigades. As such, it's the hub for the Army's new Infantry-Armor alliance. Fort Benning teaches more than 180 courses ... both resident and via Mobile Training Teams at other installations in the United States and at deployed locations overseas.

Since relocation of the Armor School from Fort Knox in September 2011, Fort Benning has also been home to both the Armor and Infantry branches - All Armor and Infantry Soldiers start their Army journey here - from private to colonel. Fort Benning also trains 52 percent of all civilians who come into the Army through Initial Military Training. During fiscal year 2012, Fort Benning is resourced to train about 96,600 Soldiers. It is also the proponent for all Maneuver Forces.

The MCoE also conducts research, development and experimentation to ensure our future Army Maneuver Force is prepared and equipped to fight and win in a complex future environment. Through doctrine development, leveraging emerging technology and partnering with industry, the Maneuver Center is an advocate for the Maneuver Force.

Since 1918, Fort Benning has been an integral part of training our Army. Today, Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence provide trained, agile, adaptive and ready Soldiers and leaders for our Army at war, while developing capabilities for the Maneuver Force and the individual Soldier and providing a world-class quality of life for our Soldiers, Civilians and Army Families.

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