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Motivational speaker celebrates holiday with the Fort Meade community

EVENT: Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance and Luncheon

WHEN: Scheduled for Jan. 10 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Club Meade (**EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in attending this event must be escorted by a public affairs representative. To coordinate your visit, please contact Jennifer Downing at (301) 677-1486 or Summer Barkley at (301) 677-1436.**)

DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC USE: From Maryland Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take Maryland Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Reece Road. All visitors must use the Reece Road gate. Visitors over the age of 16 will be required to show a photo I.D., registration and proof of insurance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Equal Opportunity Office (EEO) invites the military community to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a luncheon and inspiring words from the former acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity. This year's theme for the observance is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day on, not a Day off!"

Claiborne Haughton, Jr., retired in 2002 after 35 years of service with the Department of Defense (DoD), 23 years of which he served in the Senior Executive Service (SES). Today he is the president and CEO of his own motivational speaker and diversity consulting company in Arlington, Va.

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Haughton was born with cerebral palsy and blindness in one eye, but continued to strive and has graduated from Dillard University in Baton Rouge, La.; American University in Washington DC.; the Armed Forces Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. In January 2004, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute named its library in honor of him. To date Haughton has received many awards and is the only DoD employee to receive the Benjamin Hooks Distinguished Service Award, the Roy Wilkins Meritorious Service Award, the Keeper of the Flame Award and the Founders Award for the Armed Services.

Tickets for this luncheon cost \$7 and should be purchased in advance from EEO. For more information please call (301) 677-6687.