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Celebrating a small piece of history

EVENT: Cooks and Bakers School Stove Dedication

WHEN: Scheduled for June 12 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Fort George G. Meade, Max Belkie Human Resources Building on Huber Road

DIRECTIONS: From state Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take state Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Reece Road. Access procedures can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil. **(NOTE: Media interested in attending this event must be escorted by a public affairs representative. To coordinate your visit and RSVP, please contact Jennifer Downing at (301) 677-1486).**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Established in 1919, the Fort Meade Cooks and Bakers School was one of the oldest service schools in the U.S. Army. It had been in continuous operation longer than any other Army food service school when it closed in 1955.

Recently, Fort Meade's museum personnel discovered a stove from the 1930's that was used in the school which trained officers, enlisted, National Guard, ROTC, reserve units, and civilian personnel to be cooks, bakers, meat cutters, as well as mess stewards and officers. In the 1950's Fort Meade was the first to field test a mobile kitchen truck that was used for training. In the 36 years of training at the school, more than 214,000 students graduated.

The museum will have a ceremony at the Old Cooks and Bakers School, now the Max Belkie Human Resources Building, next Thursday to show off the restoration of the stove that symbolizes a small piece of Fort Meade's past.