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Massing of the Colors at Fort Meade

EVENT: Massing of the Colors celebrates Memorial Day

WHEN: Scheduled for May 23 at 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Fort Meade Pavilion

DIRECTIONS TO FORT MEADE: From state Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take state Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right on Llewellyn Road. Access procedures can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The twenty-fourth annual Massing of the Colors will combine with the Fort George G. Meade Memorial Day recognition ceremony in an event that is sure to inspire patriotism and offer distinguished recognition to our fallen veterans. The ceremony, featuring key note speaker Major General Karl R. Horst, Commander of Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region/Military District of Washington, is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fort Meade Pavilion.

For more than two decades, The Massing of the Colors, hosted by the Gen. George G. Meade Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, focuses on the positive aspects of the nation by acknowledging our American heritage of freedom and its most symbolic representation, the U.S. flag.

Participants will include representatives of active duty and Reserve military units, the Army National Guard, public safety and law enforcement agencies, as well as veterans groups, Boy Scout troops and civic/patriotic organizations.

The event is free and open to the public.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in attending the event **MUST** contact Veronica Castro at veronica.m.castro@us.army.mil or 301-677-1465 or Jennifer Casteline at Jennifer.casteline@us.army.mil (301) 677-1388 by May 21.