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## Media Opportunity

# 4ID names headquarters, hosts State of Fort Carson

**FORT CARSON, Colo.** – The 4th Infantry Division will officially name the division headquarters after a Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient 1st Sgt. David H. McNerney June 20 at 10 a.m. at 4ID Headquarters, followed immediately by the State of Fort Carson at 11 a.m. on Founders Field.

McNerney distinguished himself when his unit, Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, was attacked by a North Vietnamese battalion near Polei Doc. Running through the hail of enemy fire, McNerney assisted in the development of a defensive perimeter when he encountered the enemy at close range.

He killed several enemies, but was painfully injured when blown from his feet by a grenade. In spite of his injury, he assaulted and destroyed an enemy machine gun position. He then began clearing a helicopter landing site to evacuate the wounded. Disregarding the pain of his injury and refusing medical evacuation, McNerney remained with his unit until the next day when the new commander arrived.

The State of Fort Carson at Founders Field will follow the naming of the 4<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. Headquarters Building.

During the State of Fort Carson address, Maj. Gen. David S. Doyle, commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, will highlight successes from the past year and provide the way ahead for both the division and installation.

Doyle will also provide updates on recent modernization efforts, community partnerships, anticipated growth, and the positive impact Fort Carson will continue to have on local communities.

In addition, a Stryker combat vehicle, Apache helicopter, Panther route-clearing vehicle, working dogs and other displays will be staged for participant viewing and engagement with subject matter experts.

Media interested in covering this event should RSVP by 4 p.m. Wednesday to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525 or (719) 640-0081.

#### For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.

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