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**MEDIA ADVISORY:**

Range 1 Dedication Ceremony in Honor of LTC (Ret) Ernest Childers

**WHAT:**

Dedication Ceremony in honor of LTC Ernest “Red Eagle” Childers-MoH.

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:**

Range 1, Building 11160, Iraqi Freedom Road, Fort Drum, NY

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1942, LTC (Ret.) Ernest Childers trained at Pine Camp with the 45th Infantry Division in preparation for WWII. Then 2LT Childers was the first WWII Native American (Muscogee Creek) Medal of Honor recipient. Range 1 was named for him in 2001 and he passed away in 2005. As part of National American Indian Heritage Month, Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division will officially memorialize and honor LTC (Ret.) Childers by unveiling a plaque at Range 1 with his Medal of Honor citation.

Following this ceremony, there will be an American Indian Heritage Month Observance at the Commons on Fort Drum at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Ray Halbritter, Representative of the Oneida Nation.

Media interested in covering this event must RSVP to Maj. Harold Huff by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19.

Media interested in covering this event must be at Media Ops no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of the event.

For further information regarding this advisory, contact Maj. Harold Huff, 10th Mountain Division Public Affairs, at 315-772-5924 or email Harold.huff16.mil@mail.mil.

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