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10th Combat Aviation Brigade Holds Inactivation Ceremony for 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment

Fort Drum, NY – The 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment (6-6 CAV) will be formally inactivated during a ceremony on Fort Drum at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. The event will honor the unit's distinguished legacy and its contributions to Army Aviation and national defense.

Originally constituted in 1917, the 6th Cavalry Regiment has served with distinction across multiple theaters of war and peacekeeping operations. The 6th Squadron, known as "Six Shooters," was reactivated in 2005 at Fort Drum, N. Y., as an Air Cavalry Squadron equipped with OH-58D Kiowa helicopters. In subsequent years, the unit transitioned to the AH-64 Apache, expanding its mission set to include close combat attack and deep reconnaissance. Over the past two decades, 6-6 CAV has deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, providing critical aerial reconnaissance, security, and attack capabilities. The unit has also played a vital role in joint training exercises and homeland defense missions, earning accolades for its professionalism and combat readiness.

The inactivation of 6-6 CAV is part of the Army Aviation Transformation Initiative (AATI), a strategic effort to modernize aviation forces to meet future operational demands. The initiative divests legacy airframes such as the UH-60L and AH-64D, reinvesting in advanced platforms like the AH-64E and CH-47F Block II, while preparing for future capabilities including the Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA), autonomy, and counter-UAS technologies. By restructuring 10th CAB into a light aviation brigade, the Army is creating a leaner, more specialized, and responsive force. The inactivation of 6-6 CAV reflects the

Army's commitment to continuous transformation, ensuring aviation forces remain integrated, modernized, and optimized for global mission requirements.

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Media interested in attending the ceremony must RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 and be at the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum parking lot on NYS Route 26 no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

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