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Battle of the Bulge table moves to Pentagon

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE – A hand-crafted table, intricately carved to honor those who fought in a historic military battle, will make its way to its new home when it leaves Fort Meade on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018.

The Battle of the Bulge table, made of oak trees from the Ardennes forest where the historic battle took place, was built in Stavelot, Belgium and displays the insignia of the units who fought during the battle.

The large conference-style table will undergo restoration work at the Center for Military History before heading to its new permanent home at the Pentagon.

Miniature dioramas depicting various scenes of the battle, along with wall displays which decorated the room, will also be moved to the Pentagon.

The table was brought to the fort by the Battle of the Bulge Foundation, which was established to commemorate the heroism and sacrifice of Americans who fought in the battle.

There are two media opportunities to cover this event:

EVENT: Interview opportunity with WWII and Battle of the Bulge veteran Lt. Col. (Ret.) Alfred Shehab and Paul Goffin who was a Belgium citizen during the battle. **WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 12, 2018 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Battle of the Bulge conference room, Medal of Honor Library, Fort Meade

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Media will also have the opportunity to interview members of garrison leadership, The Battle of the Bulge Foundation and WWII veteran Lt. Col. (Ret.) Alfred Shehab.

EVENT: Moving of the Battle of the Bulge table and dioramas **WHEN:** Monday, Oct. 15 and 16, 2018

WHERE: Battle of the Bulge conference room, Medal of Honor Library, Fort Meade **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Media will have the opportunity to get video of the move. Monday will consist of packing the items. Tuesday will be the official move. Fort Meade PAO will also provide generic b-roll video of the move for interested news outlets.

To cover this event please contact Mary Doyle in the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at 301-677-5592 or mary.l.doyle14.civ@mail.mil

BACKGROUND

Fort George G. Meade, established in 1917, is the largest employer in the state of Maryland and with more than 55,000 employees, is the second largest Army installation in the continental United States in terms of personnel. We are the home to all branches of military service; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard and serve as the home for 119 partner organizations including U. S. Cyber Command, the National Security Agency, the Defense Information Systems Agency, the Defense Information School as well as federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Science Center.

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