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MEDIA INVITE

New U.S. Cyber Command Commander to speak At Massing of the Colors and Memorial Day Remembrance

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md.- The 32nd Annual Massing of the Colors and Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 20, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Fort George G. Meade Pavilion located near Llewellyn and Chisholm Avenues.

Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, the U.S. Cyber Command commander, the Director of the NSA and the Chief of the Central Security Service is the grand master of the ceremony.

The annual Massing of the Colors and Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony is a colorful and patriotic event which brings together ceremonial color guards representing organizations from veterans, to police and fire departments, active duty military units as well as Boy and Girl scouting troops. In the past, as many as 40 different organizations have participated in the pageantry.

Members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Continental Color Guard are part of the spectacle. This year's performances include The U.S. Army Band and The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. In addition the U.S. Army Drill Team will demonstrate their precision drill skills.

The Massing of the Colors is an annual event organized by the Major General George G. Meade chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars. Fort George G. Meade has long been the host of this event which is free and open to the public.

Visitors should access Fort Meade by the Rt. 175 and Llewellyn Avenue gate.

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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 population. 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 nation's newest combatant 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.