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Memorial Day of Remembrance And Massing of the Colors

WHAT: Memorial Day Remembrance & 33rd Annual Massing of the Colors
WHEN: Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. (Media RSVP by May 17, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.)
WHERE: Fort Meade Pavilion, off Llewellyn Avenue, Fort Meade

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ret. Lt. Col. Alfred H.M. Shehab is the Grand Marshal and keynote speaker for this year's Memorial Day Remembrance & 33rd Annual Massing of the Colors Ceremony. The event is free and open to the public and will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 2:30 p.m., in the Fort Meade Pavilion (entrance via the Llewellyn Avenue gate).

Shehab, will be 100 in September, joined the Army in 1942 and served in the 38th Cavalry Squadron, fighting across Europe and in the Battle of the Bulge. Today, Shehab is a former president of the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation and was the 68th Commander of the Military Order of World Wars. The Massing of the Colors event has ensued largely due to his dedication.

The event, hosted by the Fort George G. Meade Garrison Commander, Col. Erich C. Spragg will include Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commander of Joint Force Headquarters, the U.S. Armed Forces Color Guards, the Military District of Washington Army Silent Drill team and members of the U.S. Army's Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps. The Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus of the U.S. Army Field Band will also perform a selection of patriotic music.

Fort Meade hosts this in conjunction with the Military Order of the World Wars. The Order annually sponsors Massing of the Colors events as a tribute to honor veterans *from all wars* who made the ultimate sacrifice in their service to our Nation.

This year, Vietnam veterans in attendance will be recognized for their service.

The Massing of the Colors patriotic ceremony is designed to render respect and honor to the flag of the United States and show our support to U.S. servicemen and women. It combines the colors and color guards from active duty, Reserve and National Guard military units, Veterans Service Organizations, various civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations, first responder units, as well as Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Brownie troops from across the state and neighboring states.

BACKGROUND

Fort Meade is the Nation's Platform for Intelligence, Information and Cyber Operations. With more than 56,000 employees representing each branch of military service, Fort Meade is the largest employer in the state of Maryland and the Army's second largest installation based on population. Some of the Fort's 119 tenant organizations include US Cyber Command, The National Security Agency, Defense Information Systems Agency, Defense Media Activity and federal agencies including the Architect of the Capitol and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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