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Transfer of Authority and Maude Complex Opening on May 27

Fort Knox, Ky. : Be part of a historic day on Fort Knox. Announced in 2005, BRAC is reality at Fort Knox on May 27, 2010.

A late morning ceremony for the **Fort Knox command transfer of authority** from Maj. Gen. James M. Milano to Lt. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley will take place at Brooks Field. This action will also officially transfer authority of Fort Knox from the Armor School and Center to Accessions Command due to BRAC.

The Armor Center and School will leave Fort Knox to become part of the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Ga. The seventy-year Armor legacy will remain at Fort Knox through many of the monument vehicles on post and in the surrounding communities, as well as some street names, and the Patton Collection in the Museum.

Accessions Command will become the senior command on Fort Knox. The U.S. Army Accessions Command (USAAC) is charged with providing integrated command and control of the recruiting and initial military training for the Army's officer, warrant officer, and enlisted forces.

The **opening of the Human Resource Center of Excellence complex** will occur in the early afternoon. Tours will be available for the media.

The complex will be named and dedicated in honor of the late Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, who perished Sept. 11, 2001 in the attack on the Pentagon. At his time of death, Lt. Gen. Maude was serving as the U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (G1), and served over 35 years in the military. Media may wish to cover this for Memorial Day, a day that commemorates the men and women who died while in military service.

The complex is the largest single building project in Fort Knox's history, totaling 883,180 square feet. It will be a three-story, multi-winged, red brick facility, will have 3,765 parking spaces and approximately over 4,000 personnel. It will house the Human Resource Center of Excellence (HRCoE), which will be responsible for all Army Soldiers from their initial recruitment or commissioning through retirement and benefits.

The Human Resource Center of Excellence is one of nine centers of excellence across the Army. Centers of Excellence are organizations that enhance standards of achievement in an assigned sphere of expertise by generating synergy through efficient combination and integration of functions. Other Centers of Excellence include: Fires, Maneuver, Maneuver Support, Sustainment, Aviation, Intelligence, Signal, and Basic Combat Training.

As well as inviting media to attend the ceremonies, Public Affairs will be organizing various interviews and tours for media throughout the day. Interested media should contact Anne Torphy at 502.624.4413 or 502.296.4798.