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World War II Veteran to be recognized during MP Corps anniversary

Who: Gene “Tex” Stephens, World War II Veteran

What: Media interview

When: Sept. 20, 10 a.m.

Where: Military Police Hall of Fame Room, John B. MaHaffey Museum

Significance: In conjunction with the 71st anniversary observance of the Military Police Corps, Sept. 17-22, America’s oldest known living MP Army veteran, Gene “Tex” Stephens, 94, is scheduled to be recognized for his military service during the MP Regimental Ball Sept. 22 at Nutter Field House. Stephens was inducted into the Army January 1941 and served in World War II. He conducted motorcycle escort services and other security duties for dignitaries including General Eisenhower, Frank Sinatra and President Franklin Roosevelt.

Stephens plans to be available to talk with reporters at 10 a.m., Sept. 20 at the MP Hall of Fame Room.

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Media interested in interviewing Stephens are asked to contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office by 4 p.m., Sept. 19.

Gene Stephens biography:

Gene "Tex" Stephens, raised in Edinburg, Texas, was inducted into the Army in January of 1941. He served as a Military Policeman with the 888th MP Company of the 8th Air Force in England and the 281st MP Company in Algiers, North Africa. With both assignments, he conducted motorcycle escort services and other security duties for VIPs that included General Eisenhower, Frank Sinatra and President Franklin Roosevelt. After his military service, he worked in real estate and nursing/retirement facility development and retired to Las Vegas, Nev., where he currently lives.