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2d ACR Deployment Ceremony set for Thursday

Fort Polk, La.--- A deployment ceremony for the final elements of the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) is scheduled for April 17 at 9:30 am at Dragoon Field here.

The 2d ACR, a major 18th Airborne Corps unit based here, will continue their deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism.

The Second Armored Cavalry Regiment is the oldest serving Regiment on continuous active duty in the United States. The Regiment was established on May 23, 1836 as the second Regiment of Dragoons to fight the Seminole campaigns.

The Regiment saw its first combat of World War II in 1944 after landing at Utah Beach. It led the advance of Patton's Third Army throughout the remainder of the war. In a daring raid through Russian Lines in the closing days of the war, troopers from the Regiment rescued the famous Lippizaner show horses from the Russian forces. In 1948, the Regiment became part of the constabulary forces and was later redesignated the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment to begin its mission of border surveillance along the East German and Czechoslovakian borders.

From the outset of the war on terror, Fort Polk units have responded and will continue to deploy forces to places such Afghanistan, Central Asia, Southwest Asia, Cuba, and Europe. All Fort Polk units remain trained and ready to deploy on short notice as required to defend America's interests at home and worldwide.

"The troopers of the Regiment are well trained and ready to execute missions as assigned in the Central Command area of responsibility," remarked Regimental Commander, Col. Terry A. Wolff.

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