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**Retirement Ceremony set for July 30 on post;  
Event open to public**

Fort Polk, La. --- A Retirement Ceremony will be held at 4:00 p.m., July 30 at the Bayou Theater here to honor the sacrifice of those who served 20 or more years of service to our nation.

The event speaker is Col. Mark Rocke, U.S. Army Garrison commander.

During the ceremony each retiree is presented with a meritorious service medal. Spouses are presented certificates of achievement, flowers for the wives and coins for husbands of the retirees.

Retirees participating in the ceremony include:

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ernestine Foreman  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Shawn Foreman  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. James Perry  
Master Sgt. Robert Torrissi  
Sgt. First Class Joseph Canaday  
Sgt. First Class Michael Gasque  
Sgt. First Class Martha McClelland  
Staff Sgt. Gregory Coleman  
Staff Sgt. Jorge Lopez Maldonado  
Staff Sgt. Joseph Smith

The event is open to the public. Come out and show your support.

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**Any media wishing to cover this event should contact Ron Elliott at 531-1418 or Karla L. Gonzalez at 531-6134.**