



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division and Fort Riley**

# **HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE**



**Feb. 21, 2017**

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#### **‘Big Red One’ to honor Operation Desert Storm with ‘berm breach’**

FORT RILEY, Kansas — As part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Soldiers will honor the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Operation Desert Storm Feb. 24 with a simulated “berm breach” on Custer Hill. Units on Fort Riley will include running through the berm — complete with the sounds of battle, fog, concertina wire and historic signage — as part of their daily physical training.

Veterans, especially those who served in Desert Storm, are encouraged to watch or participate in the “breaching of the berm.”

Under the command of Maj. Gen. Thomas Rhame, the “Big Red One” deployed more than 12,000 troops to support Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. On Feb. 24, 1991, the division spearheaded the attack that pierced Iraqi defenses, allowing Coalition forces to cut deep into the country and cut off the escape of the fleeing Iraqi army.

Following the 6:30 a.m. event, veterans are invited to the Cantigny Dining Facility for breakfast.

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Members of the media interested in attending the berm breach will need to RSVP by Feb. 23 at noon by calling (785) 240-1796 or emailing [jason.p.roberts22.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:jason.p.roberts22.ctr@mail.mil).

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