

## MEDIA ADVISORY 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

'Big Red One' to welcome new deputy commanding general at Victory with Honors ceremony

FORT RILEY, Kan. – The "Big Red One" will welcome its newest leader with a Victory with Honors ceremony at 4 p.m. Oct. 3 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division's headquarters on Fort Riley.

Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Smith will serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division and Fort Riley deputy commanding general for support. Smith comes to the division from Kuwait where he served as the director of operations for Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve.

Smith previously served in the Big Red One as the commander of Battery B, 25<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (Target Acquisition), 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div. Artillery from October 1997 to April 1999. His decorations and badges include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

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Members of the media interested in attending the Victory with Honors will need to RSVP by 4 p.m. Oct. 2 by calling (785) 240-1796 or emailing <a href="mailto:jason.p.roberts22.ctr@mail.com">jason.p.roberts22.ctr@mail.com</a>.

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