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101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Participates in 80th Anniversary Commemorations for Battle of the Bulge

BASTOGNE, BELGIUM – One hundred and one Soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) will participate in commemorative events in Belgium, 13-14 December, to honor the 80th anniversary of WWII's Battle of the Bulge.

"We are honored our Soldiers will join the U.S. Army and our allies and partners in these WWII commemorations," said U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Brett Sylvia, commanding general, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). "Eighty years later, 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagle Soldiers remain relentlessly committed to our NATO Allies, ready to respond to any threat and uphold the international principles of freedom and democracy."

Soldiers will participate in ceremonies and events alongside WWII veterans and relatives, representatives of the Ministry of Defence, community members, and local and national leaders of Belgium.

13 December	 "Angels of Bastogne" Ceremony, dedicated to Ms. Augusta Chiwy and nurses who provided aid to Soldiers and civilians Military Memorial Ceremony at Battle of the Bulge Monument
14 December	 "Nuts" Parade, named for 101st Airborne Division commander's famous reply to German demand for surrender (<u>https://www.army.mil/article/92856/the_story_of_the_nuts_reply</u>) Military Memorial Ceremony at Luxembourg American Cemetary

"The bravery and heroism of our Screaming Eagle veterans who fought for freedom in this historic winter battle resonates 80 years later," said Lt. Col. Martin Meiners, spokesperson for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). "Their memories and examples still live on in the 101st Airborne Division today."

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is at the forefront of U.S. Army efforts to pioneer the evolution of vertical envelopment with modern equipment and well-trained Soldiers - and to prepare the nation to win in any future military combat environment or conflict.

For photos and video throughout the visit:

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