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## **Tennessee National Guard to Dedicate New Headquarters**

**NASHVILLE** – Governor Phil Bredesen and Major General Gus Hargett will join the Hugh B. Mott family in dedicating the Major General Hugh B. Mott Tennessee National Guard Headquarters, Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

The new Headquarters building is located at 3041 Sidco Drive, Nashville.

Major General Mott served as the 67<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard from 1968-1971.

In World War II, then Lt. Mott became a true Tennessee hero. He was ordered to destroy the German demolition charges along the Ludendorf Railroad Bridge, just outside the town of Remagen, spanning the Rhine River. Under intense direct and indirect fire and aerial bombardments, LT Mott led his team across the bridge, severing demolition charges as large as 500 pounds. LT Mott successfully eliminated all the remaining charges and secured the bridge, allowing the 9th Armored Division to cross and destroy the German resistance. President Eisenhower remarked “his actions shortened the war by several months and saved tens of thousands of allied lives”. LT Mott was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his gallantry.

Upon his return home, LT Mott was elected to the State Legislature in 1948. He joined the National Guard and was appointed the Treasurer of the City of Nashville that same year. In 1968, he was promoted to Major General and assumed command of the 30th Armored Division. Mott Hall was dedicated to him at the Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Army School of Engineering in 1990. MG Mott died June 24, 2005.

Friends and acquaintances, and National Guard supporters are encouraged to attend the dedication ceremonies and the Tennessee National Guard Headquarters Open House from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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