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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Army and Air Force Leaders to Speak at Opryland Conference**

NASHVILLE - Key leaders of the Department of Defense will speak in Nashville this week at the 137th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States. More than 4,200 National Guard officers and guests are attending the annual conference that brings the leadership from 54 states and territories to the Music City.

The Conference is being held at the Opryland Resort & Convention Center beginning Friday, September 11th and continuing through Sunday, September 13th.

The schedule of speakers are:

#### Friday

12:15 - Governor Bill Haslam (Followed by a performance by the Charlie Daniels Band)

3:30 - Gen. Mark Milley, newly appointed Chief of Staff of the United States Army

4:15 - Gen. Frank Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau

#### Saturday

8:45 - Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, Commander of the U.S. Army Europe

10:25 - U.S. Rep. Steve Womack, R-Ark, Member of the House Appropriations Committee

10:45 - Retired General Carter Ham, Chairman of the congressionally created Commission on the Future of the Army

11:15 - Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James

#### Sunday

U.S. Rep. Jim Bridenstine, R-Okla.

U.S. Rep. Trent Kelly, R-Miss.

U.S. Rep Mark Takai, D-Hawaii

All the above Representatives are National Guard Officers in their respective states.

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Also included in the conference is a large trade show featuring 300 companies and organizations that market products and services to the military.

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