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### **IRON MIKE AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - They are all around you. Some you see and some you will never see. They answer your questions, teach your children and keep your families informed. They are some of the last people you see when your unit deploys and some of the first ones you see when you come home. Basically, they make your life better. They are volunteers.

On Thursday, July 26, 37 volunteers will be recognized in The Iron Mike Award Ceremony for Volunteer Service. The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in the Hodge Room of the Fort Bragg Club.

The number of hours determines which award a nominee will receive. For a minimum of 300 hours, the recipient will receive an Iron Mike lapel pin; 500 hours an Iron Mike Bronze Star; 750 hours an Iron Mike Silver Star and an Iron Mike Gold Star for a minimum of 1,000 hours.

The Iron Mike awards were created in 2001 by the Installation Volunteer Advisory Council as an elite award for Fort Bragg volunteers who go above and beyond in their volunteer service. The symbol of "Iron Mike" was used because of its significance to the installation.

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**(Editor's note: Media interested in attending the ceremony must confirm with the Fort Bragg Public Affairs Office no later than 10 a.m., Thursday, July 26 at (910) 396-5620. Upon confirmation, media must meet at Stryker Golf Course no later than 1:15 p.m. Thursday, July 26.)**