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NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD TO MARK  
70TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEBRASKA UNIT'S  
ROLE AT CRITICAL WORLD WAR II BATTLE  
DURING CEREMONY TOMORROW IN LINCOLN, NEB.

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LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska National Guard will mark the 70th anniversary of the organization's role at the critical World War II battle of St. Lo, France, during a commemoration ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, at the Joint Force Headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m.

Due to space constraints, the ceremony is not open to the general public.

Governor Dave Heineman, Maj. Gen. Daryl Bohac and several others are expected to speak during the ceremony to honor the role that members of the Nebraska National Guard's 134th Infantry Regiment and supporting units played in helping liberate the city of St. Lo, France, in July 1944, 70 years ago this week. During the course of the 134th Infantry Regiment's first few days of combat, around 900 Soldiers were either killed, wounded or declared missing in action. The success of the battle, however, allowed American and Allied armies to break the stalemate in Normandy, France, and open the way for the liberation of France, Western Europe and the ultimate defeat of Nazi Germany.

Among the activities planned for Wednesday's ceremony, the Nebraska National Guard will conduct a roll call of the various Nebraska communities that mobilized a National Guard unit in December 1940, and a moment of silence for the fallen and wounded of the battle. Later, the Nebraska National Guard will conduct a special showing of the NETV documentary, "All Hell Can't Stop Us," which was produced several decades ago and featured many of the surviving veterans of the 134th Infantry Regiment.

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**Note:** The media is invited to cover tomorrow's commemoration ceremony, which will take place at the Nebraska National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters, which is located at 2433 NW 24th Street. Public Affairs officials will be on hand to assist the media in covering the event. In order to accommodate for the time required to process through the air base security, members of the media are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes early.