(0900-.0930)

[Band performs 30-minute musical set.]

(0930-0945)

[Video plays on screens.]

(0945)

**NARRATOR1:** Ladies and Gentlemen, our ceremonial ushers are on the field ready to assist you in finding your seats. Our ushers today are members of the **Sergeant Audie Murphy club**, identified by their scarfs and white gloves along with each military **Branch** **Service-Members of the year**.

(0944-0955)

[Band performs 10-minute musical set.]

(0955)

**NARRATOR1:** Ladies and Gentlemen, the ceremony will begin in five minutes.

**NARRATOR1:** Ladies and gentlemen, the ceremony will begin momentarily, please take your seats. Please silence all electronic devices.  You are reminded that only official photographers are permitted on and around the stage.

(1000)

**NARRATOR1:** Good morning, on behalf of the commanding general of the United States Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon, **Major General Paul T. Stanton**, and the United States Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon Command Sergeant Major, **Command Sergeant Major Michael K. Starrett**, welcome to today’s Redesignation Ceremony.

Today, we remember and honor one of the most inspirational leaders our country has ever known as we redesignate this installation as Fort Eisenhower, in honor of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, as he preferred to be called. Once his time in the Oval Office was complete, President Eisenhower asked to be reactivated in the U.S. Army so he could again be called General Eisenhower. Dwight Eisenhower and George Washington are the only U.S. Presidents to reenter the Armed Forces after leaving the office of President.

**NARRATOR2:** The leadership would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support to the redesignation ceremony:

* **LIST THE PEOPLE/GROUPS THAT HELPED AND SPONSORS WITH LEGAL REVIEW**

Our distinguished guests for today’s redesignation ceremony:

* **LIST OF THE VIPs IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE ON A SEPARATE PAPER THE MORNING OF. THE LAST TWO NAMES WILL BE GRAZIANO AND SUSAN/EISENHOWER FAMILY WITH BIO/PARAGRAPH.**

Master Sergeant Louis C. Graziano earned his 2 Campaign Battle Stars leading a platoon of communications specialists tasked to assure reliable means of command and control for the highest of command personal.

On June 6th, 1944, D-Day, Louis, boarded a Landing Ship, Tank (LST) with his men and landed upon the sands of Omaha Beach near the St. Laurent(*Lor-ron*)-Vierville(*Vi-er-ville*) exit, Normandy France. After serving bravely on the shores of Normandy, Louis advances to the French City of St Lo and then, the City of Reims(*Reems*).

Upon establishment of a command post within the heavily mined city, Louis was ordered to install General Eisenhower’s phone line. This particular phone line was vital, not only for the General’s real time communication, but installing it, helped speed a timelier allied victory.

In Reims(*Reems*), General Eisenhower, U.S. General Walter Bedell Smith and General Yodl(*Yo-dul*) of the German Army signed the articles of surrender with French Major-General François(*Fran-swa*) Sevez signing off as the official witness. With Louis in the room, the unconditional surrender of Germany was signed officially ending the War. It is most likely that Louis is the last surviving witness to this historic event...and coincidentally, Louis’ niece is currently serving the U.S. Navy on board the USS Eisenhower.

**NARRATOR1:** Ladies and Gentlemen, please give a round of applause and welcome Mr. Louis Graziano and the Eisenhower family.

(Applause)

The musical entertainment for today’s ceremony is provided by Fort Jackson’s 282nd Army Band, under the leadership of Chief Warrant Officer Three Kevin Pick.

**NARRATOR1:** Ladies and gentlemen, please stand as you are able for the opening prayer delivered by The United States Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon Command Chaplain, Chaplain Darren Chester and remain standing for the arrival of the official party, honors, and the National Anthem.

[Invocation]

[Official Party walks in while band plays Honors March 1]

[Official Party takes position band plays four ruffles and flourishes with 19 cannon salute approx. 0:40]

[Band plays National Anthem, approximately 1:40]

**NARRATOR1:** Please be seated.

**NARRATOR2:** With the threat of war looming in mid 1940s, US Army officials began identifying sites suitable for division level training. By 1941, a decision was made to acquire such an area near Augusta, Georgia and the War Department established a $22 million contract to construct a new installation. During World War Two, the 55,000-acre training site was temporary home to three divisions until they were sent to Europe where they all served with distinction. From October 1943 to January 1945, Camp Gordon served as a Prisoner of War camp for German and Italian captives. Following World War Two, the Military Police School moved to Camp Gordon and on 1 October a Signal Corps Training Center (SCTC) was activated. Since that time Camp Gordon has served as a crucial communications training installation for the US Army Signal Corps.

The Korean War led to a major expansion of the Signal Corps Training Center and in 1956, Camp Gordon was redesignated Fort Gordon. This expansion required the Military Police School movement to Fort McClellan, Alabama.

The post-Korea and Vietnam years found the Army revising to keep pace with rapid technological advances on the modem battlefield. In 1986 the United States Army Signal Corp Regiment was established, and Fort Gordon designated as the regimental home base.

Still the "Home of the Signal Regiment," Fort Gordon also supports not only Signal but Cyber, Military Intelligence, Defense Health Agency, and Army Material Command. With the increased need and use of cyber technology, this support made Fort Gordon the perfect location to consolidate the United States Army Cyber Command into one location. In March 2014, Fort Gordon was designated as the United States Army Cyber Center of Excellence.

Today, Fort Gordon – soon to be Fort Eisenhower – remains a vital and premier center for training and operation of the complex communications that empower our military as it encounters our adversaries.

[Pause from History]

**NARRATOR1:** The William M. Thornbery national defense authorization act for fiscal year 2021 directed the establishment of a commission relating to assigning, modifying, or removing of names, symbols, displays monuments, and paraphernalia to assets of the department of defense that commemorate the confederate states of America or any person who served voluntarily with the confederate states of America.

The naming commission selected names after soliciting feedback from the stakeholders at Fort Gordon. They selected names that represent and honor the heroism, sacrifices, and values of the army. The Central Savannah River Area came together to recommend President and General of the army Dwight David Eisenhower for his lasting contributions to the community, Soldiers, the Army, and our Nation. The Naming Commission concurred!

[PAUSE]

**NARRATOR1:** The very soul of a military unit is symbolized in the colors under which it fights, for they record the glories of the past, stand guardian over its present destiny, and ensure inspiration for its future. From the earliest of times, warriors have used a banner or other symbols to identify units and to serve as a rallying point for their troops. Regiments were assigned a specific color and number for ease of identification. The position of the regiment on the battlefield and the location of its command were revealed by the location of its banner. If the commander fell in battle, someone would rally to the colors and assume the position of unit leadership. When a unit is deactivated and consigned to history, a “casing of the colors” ceremony is performed.

[GC and G-CSM begin movement toward stage while narrator reads, Garrison colors will be brought on the field by MSG Jackson.]

**NARRATOR1:** At this time, **Colonel Reginald Evans**, The United States Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon Garrison Commander, and **Command Sergeant Major Aaron Rose**, The United States Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon Garrison Command Sergeant Major, will now case the Garrison colors symbolizing the final chapter in Fort Gordon history.

[Actions are performed as they are described in script below]

[CG stands up and GC salutes.]

**GC:** Sir, permission to case the colors.

[CG returns salute.]

**CG:** Case the colors.

[GC ends salute and G-CSM commands]

**G-CSM:** Center face.

[Colors are lowered and cased as narrator reads below.]

**NARRATOR1:** The Custodian of the Colors, **Master Sergeant Kristopher Jackson**, lowers the organizational Colors allowing the Garrison Commander and Garrison Command Sergeant Major to case them.  The “Casing” signifies retiring the Fort Gordon Garrison colors.

[MSG Jackson returns the cased colors to upright position and marches off the field. New colors marched in by SGM Littlefield]

**NARRATOR1:** At this time, **Sergeant Major Richard Littlefield** marches forward The Fort Eisenhower Garrison colors. **Colonel Evans** and **Command Sergeant Major Rose** will uncase the Fort Eisenhower Garrison colors, symbolizing the redesignation of this installation.

[Colors are lowered and uncased while the narrator reads below.]

The Fort Eisenhower Garrison colors consist of the Installation Management Command distinctive unit insignia and Fort Eisenhower scroll. These Colors represent the pride and spirit of the Soldiers and civilians who serve under them, providing sustainment, support services and base protection – ultimately empowering a high quality of life for those who live, work, and rely on the installation and this community.

[Colors are returned to upright position and GC/CSM face the crowd.]

**NARRATOR1:** Effective 27 October 2023, Fort Gordon (Installation Code: 13055) is redesignated as Fort Eisenhower in accordance with Section 370 of the **William M. (Mac) Thornberry** National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 and Army General Order 2023-20, signed, the **Honorable Christine E. Wormuth** [*War-muth*], Secretary of the Army.

[GC/CSM do an about face and GC salutes sounds off.]

**GC:** Sir, Fort Eisenhower stands ready to sustain, support, and defend.

[CG salutes in response.]

**CG:** Forge and Project Power!

[GC/CSM move toward seat and SGM Littlefield marches off][Narrator read below when close to seats]

**NARRATOR2:** Fort Eisenhower is designated in honor of **General Dwight David Eisenhower.**

General Dwight D. Eisenhower born on October 14, 1890, in Denison, Texas, to David Jacob Eisenhower and Ida Elizabeth Stover Eisenhower was the third of his parents’ seven sons. Two years after he graduated from high school, he landed an appointment at the United States Military Academy, where in 1915, proudly graduated from West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

After graduation, General Eisenhower moved from post to post throughout the southeast, graduating first in his class at the Army's Command and General Staff School. Eight years later, General Eisenhower was promoted to Major General, soon after becoming commander-in-chief of the Allied Forces and led Operation Torch, the Allied invasion of North Africa.

On D-Day, General Eisenhower commanded the Allied forces in the Normandy invasion. In December of that year, he was promoted to five-star general and in 1945 after Germany's surrender, was made military governor of the U.S. Occupied Zone. After returning home, he was appointed U.S. Army chief of staff and ultimately accepted further appointment as the first Supreme Allied Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In 1952 General Eisenhower retired from active service and announced his candidacy for the Republican Party nomination. After winning the election by a landslide, Eisenhower was elected the United States’ 34th president-serving two terms. General Eisenhower died on March 28, 1969, at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., following a long battle from a heart-related illness.

**NARRATOR1:** Please join me in welcoming the host for today’s ceremony, the commanding general of The United States Army Cyber Center of Excellence and **Fort Eisenhower**, **Major General Paul T. Stanton**.

(Applause)

INSERT SPEECH 1

(Applause)

**NARRATOR1:** Our next guest was sworn into office on May 27th, 2021, as the 25th Secretary of the Army. As the civilian leader of the United States Army, Secretary Wormuth oversees the service’s $185 billion budget and is responsible for decisions impacting nearly 1 million Active, Guard, and Reserve soldiers and more than 330,000 Army civilians.

Secretary Wormuth has worked on defense and national security policy for more than twenty-five years as both a career civilian and as a presidential appointee. She was the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from 2014 to 2016 and previously served as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces.

During President Barack Obama’s first term, Ms. Wormuth served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and as a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense at the National Security Council.

Prior to assuming her current role, Ms. Wormuth was the Director of the International Defense and Security Center at the RAND Corporation.

Ladies and gentlemen, please give a warm welcome to the Honorable Christine Wormuth.

(Applause)

INSERT SPEECH 2

(Applause)

**NARRATOR1:** It is now my pleasure to introduce our next guest, she is well-known for her work as a policy analyst, essayist, op-ed writer, biographer, and editor.

She has provided analysis for many major news channels and programs and provided narration on military documentaries. She founded The Eisenhower Group, Inc., which has provided strategic counsel on business development, public affairs, and communications projects.

She served as a member of three blue ribbon commissions for the Department of Energy and in 1998, was appointed to the National Academy of Sciences Standing Committee. Today, she serves on several charitable and corporate advisory boards. Ladies and gentlemen, please give a warm welcome to Ms. Susan Eisenhower.

(Applause)

INSERT SPEECH 3

(Applause)

[Guest 3 returns to seat as narrator picks back up.]

**NARRATOR1:** Thank you to our distinguished host and guests for your contributions to the ceremony. Now ladies and gentlemen, please direct your attention to the screens on the field. The 2023 Fort Eisenhower Army Non-Commissioned Officer of the year SFC Robert Straughn, Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Tech Sergeant Jasamine Stewart, Navy Non-Commissioned Officer of the year Chief Petty Officer Molly Eiriksson and Marine Non-Commissioned Officer of the year Corporal Blaze Fleeman — prepare to unveil the new Fort Eisenhower signs at our Main and McKenna Gates.

May I ask for everyone to please join me in the countdown from five, four, three, two, one.

[Unveiling of New Signs]

[Applause]

**NARRATOR2:** Welcome again, to Fort Eisenhower.

And now, Susan Eisenhower will join **Major General Stanton** and **Command Sergeant Major Starrett** for the unveiling of the General Dwight D. Eisenhower bust.

This bust was created by a talented artist by the name Helene (*El-Len*) Roberts, a native of Holland, who studied sculpture in Italy and now lives and owns her own art and design studio in Clearwater Florida.

[Pause as they unveil]

[After they unveil, they will move back to their seats then start reading]

After today’s ceremony, the bust will reside in the Eisenhower Conference and Catering Center until its final location within the new Cyber Center of Excellence campus is completed.

[Pause until they are standing in front of their seats]

Ladies and gentlemen, when able, please rise and join us in singing the Armed Forces Medley led by the 282nd Army Band, and we ask you to remain standing for the departure of the official party.

[Armed Forces Medley] [Each branch junior enlisted stand together and projected on screen]

[After Armed Forces Medley, band will play departure music] [Once off stage start reading]

**NARRATOR1:** Please take your seats.

On behalf of The United States Army and **Fort Eisenhower** Commanding General, **Major General Paul T. Stanton**, we thank you for your attendance at today’s ceremony and express sincere gratitude to all who made this day possible.

A replica of the new Ft. Eisenhower Main Gate sign is on display at the installation flagpole for those that would like to take pictures.

Thank you again for being a part of this historic occasion. May we continue to honor the legacy of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Army as we move forward as Fort Eisenhower.

Forge and Project Power

Victory Starts Here

Be all you can be.

[Band plays for 10 minutes.]

[Eisenhower documentary plays on screens.]