

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Arkansas National Guard to hold Dedication Ceremony

~ Dedication Ceremony - Changing Freedom Hall to "SFC Troy L. Miranda Combat Athletic Performance Center"

WHO: The Arkansas National Guard

WHAT: The Arkansas National Guard will rename and dedicate the Freedom Hall fitness center to the "SFC Troy L. Miranda Combat Athletic Performance Center"

WHEN: Monday, May 20, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

MEDIA MUST RSVP AND ARRIVE AT THE MAIN GATE OF CAMP ROBINSON MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER NO LATER THAN 12:15 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019, FOR AN ESCORT TO THE EVENT. RSVP DIRECTLY VIA E-MAIL TO william.b.phillips18.mil@mail.mil or call 501-212-5020.

WHERE: The event will take place at BLDG 6404, Freedom Hall (Fitness Center) Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, AR

WHY: Sergeant 1st Class Troy L. Miranda was a squad leader conducting combat operations in "Grenade Alley" on Haifa Street in Baghdad, Iraq. While on patrol his squad encountered an Improvised Explosive Device (152 mm, artillery shell) that detonated, killing his interpreter and critically wounding four others, including himself. Despite his injuries, Miranda's unwavering leadership and steadfast presence prevented further casualties. SFC Miranda died as a result of his wounds on 20 May 2004. SFC Miranda was posthumously promoted and awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Miranda was born September 17, 1959 in Dequeen, Arkansas, to Sergeant 1st Class Carlos and Bobby Miranda. He graduated from Wickes High School in 1977 and later graduated from Henderson State University with a Master's in Business.