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WOODWARD ACADEMY REMEMBERS FALLEN COMRADES
THIS MEMORIAL DAY**

College Park, GA—This Memorial Day, those who serve in the military are in our hearts and in our minds. We pause to pay tribute not only to those who currently serve our nation, but also those who have gone before them. Drawing on the Academy's noble military heritage, alumni, veterans and friends will come together on Monday, May 30, 2005, at 9:00 AM, on Woodward Academy's Main Campus in College Park, to pay tribute to their comrades who died in service to our country.

This year's service will feature a special keynote address given by Gen. Dan K. McNeill, Commander, US Army Forces Command. Gen. McNeill assumed duties as Commander US Army Forces Command, at Fort McPherson on May 7, 2004, becoming the 16th officer to hold this position. As commander all active and reserve forces stationed in the continental United States, he leads the 750,000 Soldiers of Army's largest major command, which consists of active and US Army Reserve conventional forces and includes oversight of the training and readiness of the Army National Guard. As the Army Service Component Commander of US Joint Forces Command, he trains and readies forces to meet the needs of combatant commanders across the globe. As Joint Land Component Commander of US Northern Command, he directs ground forces in support of homeland defense operations.

Academy officials will be unveiling the new Post-Vietnam War Memorial, which will include a tribute to fallen alumnus First Lt. Tyler Brown '96, who was killed in action in Iraq on September 14, 2004. An Academy tradition, the Memorial Day service will feature: the Presentation of Colors by an honor guard of current Academy students wearing Georgia Military Academy (GMA)-era uniforms; a 21-gun salute with live armed M-1 rifles performed by the Academy Rifle Team; reading of names of the Academy graduates who were lost in each war; placing wreaths at each of the four war memorial monuments; and Taps and the National Anthem, played by current Academy students Pepy de Junco '05 and Kevin Smith '05, respectively.

Once held at Fort Benning, this year's service will mark the fourth year in a row it has been held on campus.

Woodward Academy was founded in 1900 as Georgia Military Academy, a military boarding school for boys. In 1964, the school became co-educational and in 1966, changed its name to Woodward Academy and eliminated the military program from the curriculum. The boarding program was discontinued in 1993.

Since its founding, Woodward Academy has embraced a philosophy of education that asserts the importance and uniqueness of the individual student. Over the years the Academy has furnished the student many special avenues of success in a structured and caring environment. The motto "Excellence, Character, Opportunity" expresses the long-standing commitment that enables Woodward Academy to make a positive difference in each student's education. For more information on Woodward Academy, visit www.woodward.edu.