

Media Advisory

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-- MEDIA COVERAGE OF ARTICLE 32 HEARING --

WASHINGTON – An Article 32 hearing for Pfc. Bradley E. Manning, a soldier accused of aiding the enemy; wrongfully causing intelligence to be published on the internet knowing that it is accessible to the enemy; theft of public property or records; transmitting defense information; fraud and related activity in connection with computers; and for violating Army Regulations 25-2 “Information Assurance” and 380-5 “Department of the Army Information Security Program,” will begin at 9 a.m., Friday, December 16 at Fort George G. Meade.

Media organizations interested in covering the Article 32 hearing must register by email to mediadesk@jfhqncr.northcom.mil. **Registration must be completed no later than 3 p.m. EST, Tuesday, December 13.** Information listed below is required for registration.

- a. Name of the organization
- b. Number of personnel attending
- c. Names of personnel attending
- d. Is your organization bringing a live truck, and if so what size?
- e. A phone number where you can be reached after hours in case of schedule changes.
- f. News assignment editor/telephone number
- g. Vehicle make/model/year/color; license tag number/state

EDITOR'S NOTES/MEDIA ACCESS INFORMATION:

1. Not all requests can be granted. There are a limited number of credentials available for the courtroom and the media center; however, every effort will be made to ensure varied media representation at each venue. The Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office will contact the media outlets which will receive credentials and then will make every effort to contact those not receiving credentials, **no later than 4 p.m. EST, Wednesday, December 14.**
2. All media are required to present press credentials, sign ground rules, and forfeit a photo ID in order to gain access to the military installation and the Article 32 hearing.
3. Electronic devices, i.e., cell phones, radios, pagers, iPods, Blackberrys, voice recorders and similar devices are **not allowed** in the courtroom or media center. These devices must be secured within your vehicle. Computers are allowed within the media center for filing purpose only. Computers **will not be** accessible during legal proceedings.
4. A security sweep of equipment will take place prior to gaining access to the military installation. Personnel attending the Article 32 will be subject to magnetometer screening and/or search prior to entering any of the secured areas.

5. Photographers and videographers will be pre-positioned in a fixed press pit outside the courtroom. All live trucks will be parked at a designated parking area and must be removed no later than one hour after court recesses for the day.
6. All updates during the Article 32 hearing will be given at the media center. All on camera interviews will be conducted at the fixed press pit outside of the courtroom or the stand-up area by the live trucks.
7. Credentialed media must arrive at the designated time provided or they will not be credentialed that day.
8. Expect extended hours and legal proceedings to be conducted on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18.
9. The media center will be operational for filing purposes each day during court recesses and up to one hour after legal proceedings end for the day.