

Media Advisory

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-- MEDIA COVERAGE OF ARRAIGNMENT --

WASHINGTON – An arraignment 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 on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Accredited media organizations interested in covering the arraignment must register for credentials by email to mediadesk@jfhqncr.northcom.mil. **Registration must be completed no later than 3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14.** 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 media outlets with their credential status by Friday, Feb. 17.
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 arraignment.
3. Recording devices, both voice and video, are **not allowed** in the courtroom or media center. Electronic devices (i.e., computers, cell phones, radios, pagers, iPods/iPads, Blackberrys, and similar devices) are **not allowed** in the courtroom. These devices must be left in the media operations center or secured within your vehicle.
4. A security sweep of equipment will take place prior to gaining access to the military installation. Personnel attending the arraignment 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 be removed no later than one hour after court recesses for the day, understanding flexibility may be required based on time of recess and the news cycle.
6. All updates during the arraignment 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.