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Department of Defense Celebrates Abraham Lincoln's 209th Birthday

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Armed Forces will conduct a Presidential Full Honor Wreath-Laying Ceremony, 8 a.m., Monday, Feb. 12 at the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

The wreath-laying ceremony is **FREE** and open to the public. Space is limited to standing room only. Attendees are encouraged to be at the Lincoln Memorial no later than 7:15 a.m.

Media interested in covering this ceremony must register by **2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9**. To be placed on the credentialed list, send an email to usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil with the following information:

- **Full Name**
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The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office will contact media outlets with their credential status no later than **4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9**.

EDITOR'S NOTES: Abraham Lincoln led the United States through the Civil War era. He's known for preserving the Union, issuing the Emancipation Proclamation, strengthening the federal government and modernizing the economy.

- Lincoln was elected March 4, 1861 and served as president until his assassination on April 15, 1865.
- Attendees are highly encouraged to use public transportation as street parking at the Lincoln Memorial is limited.

For additional details, media may contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office at usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil or call 202-685-4645.