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U.S. ARMY PACIFIC CELEBRATES 237th BIRTHDAY

- WHO:** Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski and Soldiers of U.S. Army Pacific
- WHAT:** Army Birthday Commemoration
- WHEN:** Friday, June 15, 2012, 6-11PM
- WHERE:** Coral Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki
- WHY:** Formal dinner and festivities to commemorate Army's birthday

BACKGROUND: Two hundred and thirty-seven years ago, our Nation's leaders established the Continental Army, beginning a rich heritage of successfully defending this great country and her citizens. Today, we celebrate the continued honor, loyalty and bravery of our Soldiers, the strength of our Army in the Pacific, in this noble calling. Our Soldiers remain Army Strong with a deep commitment to our core values and beliefs. This 237th birthday commemorates America's Army – Soldiers, families and civilians – who are achieving a level of excellence that is truly Army Strong. We also celebrate our local communities for their steadfast support of our Soldiers and families. We are "America's Army: The Strength of the Nation."

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES: Attending media will have the opportunity interview Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, Commander, U.S. Army Pacific as well as get photographs and/or video of winners of the Soldier of the Year competition, Civilian of the Year Award, and the ceremonial cutting of the birthday cake.

MEDIA NOTE: Attending media should RSVP to Russell Shimooka, Office of Public Affairs at (808) 256-9788 or email at russell.k.shimooka.ctr@mail.mil. No later than Friday, June 15, 2012, 12noon.