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For Immediate Release:

COMMUNITY INVITED TO EIU ARMY ROTC MILITARY BALL

CHARLESTON -- Community members interested in attending Eastern Illinois University's Army ROTC Spring 2000 Military Ball, scheduled to take place Saturday, March 4, at Charleston's Best Western Worthington Inn, have until Friday, Feb. 4, to register.

A social hour begins at 4 p.m., followed an hour later by a receiving line, the posting of the colors, ceremonial events, dinner, guest speaker and dancing. The Illinois Army National Guard's Honor Guard will post the colors for the evening.

This year's guest speaker is Col. Danny R. McKnight, an Army Ranger who is currently assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Training, First U.S. Army, Fort Gillem, Georgia. McKnight was the commander of the Third Ranger Battalion during operations in Mogadishu, Somalia.

The cost for the Military Ball, organized by ROTC cadets, is \$15 per person. Anyone interested in attending should contact Maj. Sherri Farris, Department of Military Science, 308 Klehm Hall, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois 61920; 581-5944. All community members, as well as Eastern's students, staff and faculty, are welcome to attend.

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