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FORMER EIU PROFESSOR CITED FOR "OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE"

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Lt. Col. Larry Sefren, United States Army, Aviation, was recognized in December 2004 by Les Brownlee, acting secretary of the Army, in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

As part of a 12-member team from the Department of the Army Inspector General's Office, Sefren was cited for outstanding performance of duty in the conduct of the Special Inspection of Detainee Operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq, and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

Over an eight-month period, the team traveled to more than 30 locations in four countries inspecting detainee operations from the point of capture, through processing and interrogation, to internment or release. The team canvassed more than 300 personnel and inspected interrogation and confinement facilities to include the infamous Abu Garaib prison.

The findings of the inspection found deficiencies in numerous areas to include Army doctrine, training, dissemination of interrogation procedures and individual and leader failures, but found no systemic pattern of detainee abuse across the theater of operations.

Results of the inspection were briefed to the Combatant Commanders, the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Acting Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Defense, and culminated with Lt. Gen. Paul T. Mikolashek's testimony before the Senate Armed Forces Committee. Recommendations of the Inspection have become the foundation of the Army's Detainee Operations Campaign Plan.

Prior to his current assignment, Sefren served (1999-2002) as a professor of military science at Eastern Illinois University. He and his wife, Norma, currently reside in the Washington D.C. area with their daughters, Stephanie, 17, and Sarah, 15.