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For Immediate Release:

SOON-TO-BE GENERAL PATRICIA NILO TO DISCUSS MILITARY ROLES FOR WOMEN

CHARLESTON -- The U.S. Army's soon-to-be most recent female general -- Col. Patricia L. Nilo -- plans to discuss "Opportunities and Roles of Women in the U.S. Armed Forces" when she visits the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The general public is invited to join members of the EIU community during the presentation which will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in Phipps Lecture Hall, Room 121, of Eastern's Physical Science Building. Admission is free.

The event is being sponsored by the university's Department of Military Science in conjunction with Women's History and Awareness Month activities taking place on Eastern's campus.

Nilo assumed her present position as Chief of Chemical and Commandant, United States Army Chemical School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on August 31, 1999.

Originally from Medford, Mass., she graduated from Boston State College in 1970 with a bachelor of arts degree in biology and, in 1973, with a master of education degree in biology. She received a direct commission as a first lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps in 1974 and was detailed to the Ordnance Corps in a chemical specialty. Later, in 1977, she was rebranched as a Chemical Corps officer.

A graduate of the National War College, Nilo's staff assignments have included instructor and then company executive officer at the Ordnance and Chemical Center and School; chemical officer for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, followed by assistant division chemical officer, 1st Armored Division; executive officer, U.S. Army Chemical School Battalion; director, Office of the

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

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MILITARY ROLES FOR WOMEN

Secretary, U.S. Army Chemical School; assignment officer, Chemical Branch, Personnel Command; staff officer, Chemical and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) Defense Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Pentagon; and NBC defense policy planner, Weapons Technology Control Division, J-5, The Joint Staff.

She recently served as the chief of Chemical and NBC Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, at the Pentagon, and was also the executive secretary for the Joint NBC Defense Board.

Nilo's commands include Headquarters and Headquarters Company, School Brigade, Ordnance and Chemical Center and School; the 278th Chemical Detachment, 1st Armored Division; 84th Chemical Battalion; and, most recently, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas.

Her decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Army General Staff Identification Badge, and the German Armed Forces Military Efficiency Badge (Bronze).

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