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#### REDEDICATION CEREMONY FOR GRIFFITH HALL

FORT GORDON, GA – The Fort Gordon Garrison Command will host a rededication ceremony of Griffith Hall in honor of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Thurston A. “Turk” Griffith, Jr. on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. in Griffith Hall, Chamberlain Ave. on Fort Gordon.

Griffith graduated from West Point in 1962 and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant in the Signal Corps. After graduation, he went to Airborne Training and then to Fort Gordon to attend the basic officers course at the Signal School. His first assignment was to the signal battalion at Fort Carson, Co. While there he volunteered for Vietnam.

First Lieutenant Griffith began his duties in 1964 as an adviser to units of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On January 17, 1965, the Vietnamese unit he was with was ambushed by a much larger Viet Cong Force. Griffith was killed two months before his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. He became the second officer killed from his West Point class and the first soldier from his native New Mexico killed in action in Vietnam.

In honor of his sacrifice, members of the Griffith family of 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Turk Griffith have designed two plaques as gifts to the U.S. Army Signal Center. On January 17, 2012, invited guests will meet at Fort Gordon to observe the presentation of these plaques that will be permanently displayed in Griffith Hall. Invitees will join members of the Griffith family, some of Turk’s West Point classmates and friends in honoring the courage and devotion to duty of this soldier who gave his life on this day, 47 years ago.

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