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#### U.S. ARMY SIGNAL CENTER HOST CONFERENCE

FORT GORDON, GA – The U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence will host the 2012 Signal Corps General Officer and Senior Enlisted Advisor Conference Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 11-13. More than 25 generals and their command sergeants major will take part in the event, held annually to discuss the status and the future of the Army's Signal Corps.

General Dennis L. Via, commander of the Army Materiel Command and a Signal officer, will conduct a town hall meeting at Alexander Hall at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. The town hall will also be broadcast over Defense Connect Online, so Soldiers who can't attend but want to get Via's insights into professional development and the future of the branch can tune in via DCO.

During the town hall, Via will answer questions from the audience, in addition to questions submitted in advance. More information about the conference and town hall are available at the Signal Center of Excellence website, [www.signal.army.mil](http://www.signal.army.mil).

Via is the only Signal officer ever to attain the rank of four-star general. He was commissioned as a Signal officer in 1980 and since then has held a variety of key command assignments, including the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Signal Brigade, III Armored Corps, Fort Hood, Texas; 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command, United States Army Europe and 7<sup>th</sup> Management Command and Fort Monmouth, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

His key staff assignments include Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Staff, Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples Italy; Operations Officer, J-6, Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, Washington, DC; Division Chief, Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, United States Army, Washington, DC; Principal Director for Operations, Defense Information Systems Agency/Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations, United States Strategic Command, Arlington, Va.

At approximately 3:15 p.m., General Via and Maj. Gen. LaWarren Pattersoon, Signal Center of Excellence and fort Gordon commanding general, will move to Conrad Hall (Signal Museum) for a media op for all the local media.

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