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### **Retirement Review honoring General Robert Crear**

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 25, 2008 – A Retirement Review honoring Brigadier General Robert Crear, former Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division and President of the Mississippi River Commission, will be conducted March 28 at 1:00 p.m. in Fort Myer, Va, Conmy Hall (Bldg 241).

General Crear relinquished command of the Mississippi Valley Division to Brigadier General Michael J. Walsh on February 20, 2008.

General Crear will be retiring from the U.S. Army after 32 years, 8 months and 22 days of faithful service to the nation. Host for the ceremony is Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This ceremony, a final well-deserved tribute, is the traditional Army way of saying "Well Done" to its retiring members. Since 1861, with the passing of the first retirement law, it has been customary to salute, with appropriate ceremony, those who have served so well.

The review includes participation by The 3<sup>rd</sup> United States Infantry (The Old Guard) and The United States Army Band (Pershing's Own).

The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" provides world-class music in support of the leadership of the United States of America to include all branches of government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army, and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. It also provides musical support for a wide spectrum of national and international events including troop support, community and civil relations, recruiting initiatives and outreach to music education centers of influence.

The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is the only unit of its kind in the armed forces, recalling the days of the American Revolution as they parade in uniforms patterned after those worn by musicians of our Continental Army. The crisp drill and patriotic music of The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps provides a tangible demonstration of The United States Army's dedication, discipline and precision to the Nation and the World.

The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps was created in 1960 and is assigned to the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), at Fort Myer, Va. The Corps travels extensively as an official representative of the United States Army, and averages nearly 500 performances annually. Dressed in Colonial-style tricorne hats, white wigs and red greatcoats, the Corps brings added dignity to official ceremonies and civic functions.

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