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Office of the Commanding General

Screaming Eagles of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault):

Today we celebrate the 68<sup>th</sup> birthday of our great Division. The 101st Airborne Division was activated on 16 August 1942 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. The first Commanding General, Major General William C. Lee, noted that the Division had no history, but that it had a "rendezvous with destiny" and that the new Division would be habitually called into action when the need was "immediate and extreme". Throughout its 68-year history, the Division has amassed a proud record, in both war and peace. Since activation, the 101st has celebrated a total of 12 birthdays in foreign lands that include two birthdays in Europe during WWII, four in Vietnam and four while deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including today's birthday celebration.

Throughout our history in places like Carentan, the Ardennes Forest, Bastogne, Nijmegen, Berchtesgaden, the Tet Offensive, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan the formidable Screaming Eagles of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) have deployed to foreign lands fighting to liberate those oppressed by tyranny. Like you, our past Screaming Eagles, have served to protect those who could not protect themselves. Some of us have not returned home. As you pause today, remember our Fallen Heroes, and all that they sacrificed. Remember too their Families whose lives are forever changed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your service to this incredible Division, and remind you to be thankful for our great Families at home who quietly serve and face their own challenges so that we can do what we love to do. You have a tremendous and proud history. As you serve on our current "Rendezvous with Destiny", you are writing the next chapter in our history books for generations of future Screaming Eagles to remember.

Happy Birthday and Air Assault!

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