



MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS

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U.S. ARMY TO COMMEMORATE THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

The National Commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial takes place Jan. 14 to 18 with a ceremony and exposition hosted by Monticello, the ancestral home of President Thomas Jefferson.

The U.S. Army 1802 Color Guard will present the colors at the commencement ceremony in front of a capacity audience, which will include two cabinet secretaries and several congressional representatives.

The soldiers of the 1802 Color Guard represent the U.S. Army of that period, from which members of the Corps of Discovery were drawn for the epic journey West with Lewis and Clark.

Capt. Meriwether Anderson Sale III, a descendant of Capt. Meriwether Lewis, will attend the exposition and ceremony at Monticello. Sale, an active-duty military intelligence officer, is currently stationed in Germany.

Local commemorative activities will take place in the Pentagon Tuesday through Friday. Re-enactors sponsored by the Army Corps of Engineers will be present in period uniforms and an Army sponsored exhibit of replica artifacts and expedition maps will be displayed outside Corridor Nine. Sale will also attend the Pentagon event.

While most Americans have some knowledge of the importance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, few recognize that it was an Army endeavor from beginning to end and was officially characterized as the Corps of Volunteers for North Western Discovery.

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Media interested in attending events at Monticello <http://www.monticello.org> should call (434) 984-9829 for details.

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