

On 14 May 2013, at Fort Drum, N.Y., Sergeant First Class Michael McClendon was charged with violating Articles 120 Indecent Act, Article 92 Dereliction in the performance of duties, Article 93 Cruelty and maltreatment, Article 134 Conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline in the armed forces and of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces.

Sergeant First Class McClendon was assigned to West Point from July 2009 - May 2013, and is involved in an on-going investigation for possession of inappropriate images taken without consent. The Criminal Investigation Division of the United States Army is contacting individuals who may have information relevant to the allegations in this case, as well as notifying everyone involved. Throughout this notification process, the Army will protect the privacy of the individuals involved as well as offer support services as required. The Army relocated Sergeant First Class McClendon from West Point to Fort Drum for the duration of the investigation.

NAME: Michael McClendon

HOME OF RECORD: Blakely, GA

RANK: Sgt. 1st Class

MOS: 12B - Combat Engineer

COMPONENT: Regular Army

DATES OF SERVICE: November 1990 to present

DUTY LOCATIONS: US Military Academy - July 2009 to present; Fort Hood, Texas

- September 2000 to July 2009; Fort Lewis, Wash. - April 1998 to September 2000; Germany

- April 1995 to September 2000; Fort Campbell, Ky. - July 1992 to April 1995; Germany -

November 1990 to July 1992

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Combat Action Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal

(4), Army Commendation Medal (9), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (7),

NATO medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit

Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (3), Southwest Asia

Service Medal (4), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism

Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army

Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge, Sapper Tab

DEPLOYMENTS: Iraq 2004-2005, 2007-2009

Gen. Campbell, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army:

"The Army is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of our Cadets at the Military Academy at West Point - as well as all Soldiers throughout our Army. Once notified of the violation, a full investigation was launched followed by swift action to correct the problem. Our Cadets must be confident that issues such as these are handled quickly and decisively, and that our system will hold those responsible accountable."