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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Presents Islander Spirit Flag to Graduate Scheduled for Iraq Deployment

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Flavius Killebrew today (Tuesday, Sept. 8) presented Sgt. Benjamin S. Leal, a member of the U.S. Army Active Reserve, with an Islander spirit flag for serving his country and representing the University in the coming months at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq.

Leal, a Corpus Christi resident who was recently accepted into the Master of Arts in Communication program at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, will deploy to Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq, in November. Upon his return, Leal plans to earn his master's degree in communication from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Sgt. Leal is assigned to the 812th Quartermaster Company in Harlingen, Texas, where he is a 2nd Platoon, 3rd Squad, assistant squad leader. He will remain in Iraq for one year where he will work in warehouse missions receiving, storing and shipping military supplies.

Leal is the son of Elidia S. Leal of Sinton, Texas, and a 1981 graduate of Sinton High School. In Dec, 2008, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

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