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Maj. Gen. Larry Wyche to Address Nearly 900 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Graduates during Spring 2011 Commencement
Morning and afternoon ceremonies will be held at the American Bank Center arena

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Maj. Gen. Larry Wyche, deputy chief of staff for Operations at Army Materiel Command in Fort Belvoir, Va., will address nearly 900 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi graduates during two spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 14, at the American Bank Center arena.

The first ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. The second ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Wyche is a 1983 graduate of Corpus Christi State University. During his stellar career, he has earned numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

As a boy working alongside his grandfather in the tobacco fields of Virginia, Wyche dreamed of being the first in his family to earn a college degree. While visiting Corpus Christi as a young soldier on a weekend pass from Fort Hood, he discovered the Island University. Following his discharge, he enrolled in the College of Business and after graduation was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Prior to his current posting, Wyche was commanding general, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and Joint Munitions Command at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. He has worked at the Pentagon and was deployed to Afghanistan as commander of the 10th Sustainment Brigade. While in the enlisted ranks, he was a cavalry scout, squad and section leader in the 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Wyche holds a master’s degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology; and a master’s degree in Natural Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of

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the Armed Forces. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College, the Command and General Staff College and the Airborne and Air Assault schools.

The first ceremony will be held for 414 students in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Technology. The student speaker will be Samantha Perez-Hernandez, Bachelor of Arts Candidate in Political Science, who has served as president of the Student Government Association since 2009 and has been a member of the McNair Scholars Program and the University Honors Program. She is the recipient of the 2010 Impact on the Island Award and was named Greek Woman of the Year in 2011.

The second ceremony will be held for 467 students in the College of Business, the College of Education and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The student speaker will be Marcos Aguilera, Ed.D. candidate in Educational Leadership. Aguilera, who earned a master’s degree in secondary education from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, is a specialist for Curriculum and Instruction in Secondary Mathematics with the Corpus Christi Independent School District, serving as an instructional leader to eight campuses. He has 14 years of experience with CCISD both as a classroom teacher and campus leader in mathematics.

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