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McLane Advanced Technologies presents the “Freedom is Not Free” art project to the Fort Hood Gold Star Family Center on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

McLane Advanced Technologies (MAT) will be presenting a framed art work poster titled “Freedom is Not Free” to our local Gold Star Family Center along with a monetary donation. The poster project was completed during the Annual Association of the United States Army (AUSA) meeting held in October 2007 in Washington D.C.

Temple, TX – Attendees of the AUSA conference were invited to assist in completing a mural poster by coloring in the sections and signing their names in the margin to show their support for Gold Star Families. The 3 ½ x 5 poster, now completed, has been framed and will be donated to the local Fort Hood Gold Star Family Support Center. The designer, Rex Murrah, is a MAT employee and local Belton resident. Rex has provided graphic design services and has completed several art projects to the local community and to Fort Hood in the past.

The poster titled “Freedom is Not Free” (seen here) is a reminder of how we, as government contractors, support our military troops by providing quality goods and services. MAT is also donating \$2,500 to the HUGSS organization to help supplement the cost of managing the Gold Star Center. The presentation will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 20th, and is open to the public, all Gold Star Family Center volunteers, and Gold Star survivors. Presenting the poster will be Drayton McLane III from McLane Advanced Technologies. Attending the event will be a variety of Fort Hood officials, members of the Gold Star Family Support Center Board of Directors, and representatives from McLane Advanced Technologies.

To obtain visitors passes to attend the presentation, please contact Norah Boucher with the Gold Star Family Center at 254-553-2464.

HUGSS stands for Helping Unite Gold Star Families. They are a not-for-profit organization and their mission is to offer support and to create or coordinate programs to address the needs of all families who suffer the loss of a service member.

So far, HUGSS has reached out to more than 600 spouses, children, siblings, and parents who have lost a loved one from units based at Fort Hood, Texas. Additionally, they have extended their outreach beyond the borders of Texas and are now setting the example for others to support Gold Star Families. For more information please visit their website at www.goldstarfamilysupport.org.

About McLane Advanced Technologies

MAT is a services-based, technology company offering a unique blend of military experience, corporate knowledge, and unprecedented commitment to the customer to ensure that each project is completed on time and on budget. For more information on MAT, please visit our website at: www.mclaneat.com or call 254-770-6165.

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