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U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Sharpsten to Speak at Evening ‘Celebration of Veterans’

PARKERSBURG, WV, May 16, 2023 — United States Army Maj. Gen. Christopher J. Sharpsten (Retired) will share his firsthand experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of an evening “Celebration of Veterans” co-hosted by Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, and ELPRO Services Inc. on Wednesday, June 14 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with live music, and speaker Maj. Gen. Sharpsten at 7:00 p.m. at the Parkersburg High School Auditorium.

“We are honored to host General Sharpsten in our community on a date which coincides with the official establishment of the U.S. Army by the Continental Congress in 1776,” said ELPRO Services President and CEO Micalyn Harris. “We share a special connection because of his leadership in logistics and distribution of vaccines during the pandemic, and ELPRO’s important work in the cold supply chain to help ensure safe and effective vaccines, medications and therapies to patients worldwide.”

In addition, we are honored to reveal a special composition entitled “The American Sentinel,” which will be performed by local singer-songwriter John A. Walsh. Walsh is well known for composing an original song cycle based on real-life events entitled “The Fields of Gettysburg” to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg.

“We are delighted to host Major General Sharpsten in Parkersburg with ELPRO. General Sharpsten is a hero to many for his extensive work in combating COVID-19, and his presentation is sure to be inspiring,” said Jan Dils. “It will be a wonderful night to celebrate with all of our local veterans.”

The event is free to the public and veterans from all U.S. armed forces are invited to attend.

About Major General Sharpsten

Maj. Gen. Christopher Sharpsten (Retired) is a 33-year veteran of the United States Army. He is a natural leader and professional logistician with experience across a broad spectrum of positions during peacetime, war zone deployments and humanitarian assistance operations. He leveraged his extensive experience in both conventional army and special operations to lead a myriad of cross-service and U.S. Government interagency teams focused on solving national-level issues.

Throughout his career, he was consistently recruited to lead the most challenging missions. In his senior role as a general officer, he served as the Director of Operations for the U.S. Presidential COVID-19 Task Force, Operation Warp Speed, from 2020 to 2021, to accelerate the development and delivery of vaccines and therapeutics to America and its partner nations.

Mr. Sharpsten is now the Executive Vice President for Defense Programs at J.A. Green & Company, providing executive-level coordination for clients regarding national security issues, legislation and defense programs.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Business Administration from Michigan State University, and a Master of Science degree in national security strategy from the National War College in Washington, D.C.

About ELPRO

For more than 35 years, Swiss-based ELPRO has provided environmental monitoring data intelligence, hardware, software and GxP services to the world’s leading pharmaceutical, life sciences, healthcare and logistics companies. As global market leader, ELPRO maintains offices in Switzerland, U.S., Canada, U.K., Germany, the Nordics, Benelux, Hungary and Singapore. ELPRO Services Inc., the North American subsidiary of ELPRO, is currently celebrating 20 years in business in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

About Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law

Jan Dils began her law firm as a sole practitioner in 1994. Today, Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, is the largest female-owned law firm in the U.S. with 150 team members at offices in Parkersburg, Beckley, Charleston, Huntington, and Logan, West Virginia, and Charlotte, North Carolina, with remote team members in 11 states. The firm specializes in Veterans Disability Claims, Social Security Disability and Personal Injury. The team members at the firm take special pride in helping people. Community and caring are two of their core values, and they host, sponsor and participate in charitable events year-round.

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