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## Alderman's Son to Receive U.S. Army Honor During Pentagon Ceremony

*Event Tomorrow to Honor Capt. Paul Witkowski, Other Officers*

**Alderman Terry Witkowski** has been proudly looking forward to tomorrow (Friday, May 8, 2009) for several months. His son, U.S. Army **Capt. Paul W. Witkowski**, will be honored at the Pentagon with the **General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award** for 2008 during a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. possibly in the presence of **President Barack Obama**. (there is no confirmation of the president's attendance tomorrow, but past presidents have attended the ceremony).

Captain Witkowski was born May 22, 1970 and graduated from Milwaukee Tech High School in 1988 and currently serves at Camp Frank D. Merrill in Georgia, home of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ranger Training Battalion and the mountain phase of the Army Ranger Training School, where he serves as an Army Ranger instructor. The General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award, created by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation and offered in coordination with the Department of the Army, recognizes company grade officers who demonstrate the ideals for which General MacArthur stood: duty, honor and country and serves to promote and sustain competent junior officer leadership in the Army.

Captain Witkowski was one of only 13 Army officers selected for the prestigious award in this, its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, and was one of only two nominees from his division, Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

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## **Army Honor For Alderman's Son/ADD ONE**

Alderman Witkowski, who is traveling to be in attendance at tomorrow's ceremony, said he couldn't be happier about the honor and his son's service. "Words cannot describe how deeply proud I am – not only of him receiving this high honor – but also for his service and his dedication to his country," he said. "Milwaukee can be proud, too, that one of its own will be among those receiving an award named for one of the nation's most revered generals and military leaders – Douglas MacArthur – who also happened to be a Milwaukee resident."

MacArthur Square is named for General MacArthur, who like his father General Arthur MacArthur, and his grandfather Judge Arthur MacArthur, were all residents of Milwaukee. Douglas MacArthur lived at the Plankinton House and attended West Division High School.

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