

UPCOMING EVENTS

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The Public and Private Life of Bob Dole

Saturday, Apr. 26—Sunday, May 11, 2008

The Dole Institute is featuring a special exhibit designed by Jamin Leigh Dreasher, a master's degree student in museum studies at KU. The exhibit is on display in the Simons Media Room.

White Glove Tour of the Dole Archive

Saturday, May 17, 2008 10:30 a.m.

A 40-minute behind-the-scenes tour into the environmentally-controlled archive and the processing rooms. For information and reservations call 785-864-1420.

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*The Dole Institute of Politics and
The KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program
is pleased to present*

Leading the Surge: The View From Sadr City



Colonel Don Farris

Commander of the 2nd "Falcon" Brigade Combat Team of the
Army's 82nd Airborne Division in Sadr City

7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 7th, 2008
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About...

Colonel Don Farris

Colonel Billy Don Farris was born on July 15, 1961 in Dallas, Texas. After graduation from the United States Military Academy on May 25, 1983, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He just returned from a fifteen-month deployment where he commanded 2nd "Falcon" Brigade Combat Team of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division which was the first brigade inserted into Baghdad under the surge initiative.

Farris was responsible for Sadr City until March 2008. Sadr City has been the site of a significant escalation of violence in recent months, with direct fire attacks on the green zone and the ever-complicated political evolution of local leadership. He recently served as the G3 Director of Plans for XVIII Airborne Corps and has held a variety of command and staff positions in the 82nd Airborne Division to include Company Commander, A/2-504 PIR; Battalion Commander, 1-505 PIR; and Division G3. He has served in Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and two tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His previous assignments include the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1984-1987; 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea, 1987-1988; 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1988-1992; Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana, 1992-1994; Southern European Task Force (SETAF), Vicenza, Italy, 1995-1998; XVIII Airborne Corps and 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1998-2001; Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana, 2001-2002; 82nd Airborne Division and XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 2003-until present.

Col. Farris holds a Master of Military Arts and Sciences from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and served as an Army Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (with two oak leaf clusters), Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge (with bronze star), Ranger Tab and Air Assault Badge.

He is married to the former Tara R. Wassom of Bowling Green, Kentucky. They have three children: Michaela (10); Elleora (9); and Ryan (7).

