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Media Advisory

TSA's Security Officer Virgil Westdale, WWII Veteran, Retires

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) would like to invite you to participate in a special retirement ceremony at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR) for Transportation Security Officer (TSO) Virgil Westdale. Westdale has been with TSA since its inception and is a decorated WWII Veteran.

Media is invited to the open house retirement ceremony to include appreciation of service presentations by special guests from TSA Headquarters in D.C. and a chance to speak with Virgil about his experiences serving the traveling public. This event highlights one of TSA's finest and his commitment to protecting the traveling public against terrorism and serving his country as a TSO in Grand Rapids.

- WHO:** Lee Kair, TSA Assistant Administrator Security Operations, Penny Anderson, TSA Federal Security Director at GRR, TSO Virgil Westdale, and TSA Representatives
- WHAT:** One-on-one interviews and Presentation of Appreciation for Service
- WHEN:** Friday, July 31, 2009
11:00 am -1:00 pm (Open House; presentation to begin at 11:45 am)
- WHERE:** Gerald R. Ford International Airport
International Room
(Located on the main floor of Passenger Terminal)

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