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Justice Bill Cunningham discusses guerilla tactics with Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell

Fort Campbell, Ky., Nov. 22, 2011 – Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham spoke to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at a leadership professional development event in Fort Campbell on Monday, Nov. 21. He was invited to discuss tactics used by the Night Riders in early 20th Century guerilla warfare.

The Night Riders of West Kentucky and Tennessee were militant tobacco farmers who used guerilla tactics against the strangling monopoly of the American Tobacco Company.

Senior non-commissioned officers (master sergeant and above) and officers throughout the command attended Justice Cunningham's presentation.

In his book *On Bended Knees*, which is now in its 10th printing, Justice Cunningham gives a gripping account of the Kentucky and Tennessee tobacco wars and the farmers' revolt against the impoverishing tobacco prices of the Duke Trust. The book recounts the life of Dr. David Amoss and his secret organization known as the Night Riders as they waged war against the tobacco empire.

Justice Cunningham has authored seven books on regional history and was named the Robert Penn Warren Western Kentucky Writer of the Decade for 2000-2010.

Justice Cunningham was elected to the state's highest court in November 2006. He previously served as a Circuit Court judge for 15 years and as the commonwealth's attorney for Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties for 12 years. He was also the city attorney for Eddyville and served as a public defender for the Kentucky State Penitentiary. He is a U.S. Army veteran and served in Vietnam, Korea and Germany.

He resides in Kuttawa with his wife, Paula. They have five grown sons and seven grandchildren.

For his complete bio information, news releases, articles and books, visit www.billcunninghamonline.com.

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