

Senior Leaders Gen. Abrams talks to leaders

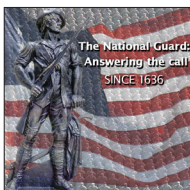


"Let's be clear about this, you have to have emotional intelligence, you have to be an inspirational leader. That's what we expect of all our leaders, absolutely. You've got to have intellect, absolutely without question. But, there is a physical component to being a leader."

— Gen. Robert B. (Abe) Abrams
Commanding General, FORSCOM
2016 MacArthur Leadership Award Competition
Dec. 12, 2016, Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point "Answering the call since 1636"

The National Guard is the oldest military force in the Department of Defense. The National Guard celebrated its 380th birthday on December 13, 2016, continuing to answer the call since 1636 when the first militia regiments in North America were organized into three permanent regiments: East, South, and North Regiments. It is symbolic of the founding of all the state, territory, and District of Columbia militias that collectively make up today's National Guard. This year's theme is **"Answering the call since 1636."**



Army Profession Forum

Army Profession Forum 2017 is a strategic leader forum that will explore ethical challenges to the Army Profession and ways to maintain trust within the Army and strengthen its essential characteristics.

At FORSCOM's assessment, MacArthur inspires junior leaders



Gen. Robert B. Abrams (center), commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command poses for a photo with 30 captains and chief warrant officers participating in a competition, Dec. 11-15, on Fort Bragg, N.C., to select who will go forward at the Army level for the 2016 General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gregory E. Sanders)

By Lisa Ray, FORSCOM Public Affairs

FORT BRAGG, N.C.—For the first time ever, U.S. Army Forces Command Soldiers went head-to-head this week, competing for the opportunity to be a FORSCOM nominee for the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

Thirty of the command's top Soldiers converged here and were challenged physically, mentally and emotionally in a series of events comprising the assessment.

General Robert B. Abrams congratulated the candidates on making it to this level and welcomed the candidates before their first event, the Soldier Readiness Test.

"Over the next three days we are going to throw at you physical activities and we're going to throw at you emotional intelligence activities. We are going to immerse you under stress," said

Abrams. "We are going to put you in situations where you have to work as an individual and as a team, and we are going to evaluate you."

During the assessment, the Soldiers went through a Soldier Readiness Test, a Leader Reaction Course, an Army Physical Fitness Test, weapons proficiency, a timed written exam, wrote an essay on short notice and faced an evaluation board of senior officers.

"The intent of the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award is to recognize leadership contributions of junior officers during the selected calendar year," Maj. Gen. Jody J. Daniels, chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Army Forces Command and MacArthur Award board president said.

"The nomination considerations include leadership, influence, proficiency, values, team-building, and personal skills."

FORSCOM in the news

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division recently held a **mission transition ceremony** on Fort Bliss, Texas.



7th Transportation Brigade Soldiers recently completed a **Joint Logistics Over The Shore exercise** called Resolute Endeavor II near Hampton Roads, Va.



Troopers from the 1st Cavalry Division recently participated, alongside members of the community, in the **16th Annual Salado Christmas Parade** in Salado, Texas.



The 29th Infantry Division (National Guard) Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion recently completed a **Mission Rehearsal Exercise** with First Army at Fort Hood, Texas.



Soldiers from the 2nd Chemical Battalion, 48th Chemical Brigade recently participated in **Stryker Combat Vehicle gunnery** on Fort Campbell, Ky.



Joint logistics training



Soldiers assigned to the 331st Transportation Company, 10th Transportation Battalion (Terminal), 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary), attach a tethering line to a floating pier, Dec. 2, 2016, near Ft. Story, Va. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. David Anderson)

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Right Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Bannister (left), 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum commander, and 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Ann Sydnor, help unload Christmas trees at 10th Mountain Division Headquarters, Fort Drum, N.Y., Dec. 1, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Liane Schmersahl)

Left Master Sgt. Rob Pike, team leader and observer, coach/trainer from 4th Cavalry Multifunctional Training Brigade, First Army Division East, performs halted convoy security during a recertification exercise at Fort Knox, Ky., Nov. 16, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Darron Salzer)



Above Sgt. Dustin Duckett, a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear specialist, 63rd Chemical Company, 2nd Chemical Battalion, 48th Chemical Brigade, loads an M2 .50 cal machine gun mounted on a M1135 Stryker Nuclear Biological Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle at Fort Campbell. (U.S. Army photo by Leejay Lockhart)



Above Members of the 1st Cavalry Division Band march up Main Street during the 6th annual Christmas parade, Dec. 1, 2016, in Salado, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Tomora Clark)

Left Soldiers from 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, prepare to move a simulated casualty during the "stress shoot" event for the battalion's "Spur Ride," Dec. 5, 2016, at Fort Stewart, Ga. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Syreetta Watts)



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