

Senior Leaders SECDEF farewells the force



"It has been the highest honor of my lifetime to lead this great Department and to serve the American people. Our men and women in uniform, without a doubt, represent the greatest fighting force the world has ever known and I am mindful every moment of the day that they are carrying out their noble mission in each and every time zone of the globe."

– The Honorable Ashton Carter
Secretary of Defense
Jan. 11, 2017, Washington

On Point Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2017

On Jan. 16, the Army joins the nation in recognizing the 32nd annual national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. This year's national theme is "The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: A Day On, Not a Day Off." During this observance, the Army honors Dr. King's memory, remembering the strength of his leadership, the power of his words, and the inspiration of his call for justice. The Army celebrates his legacy of freedom and equality for all.



Medical Readiness Classification

Being medically ready is critical for a deployable Soldier. All Soldiers are assigned a Medical Readiness Classification (MRC) of 1 to 4. The class of MRC 4 consists of Soldiers whose medical and dental status is unknown. These Soldiers are therefore non-deployable.

4th ID's "Iron Brigade" moves from Germany into Poland



1st Sgt. Ernest Ramirez (right), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division speaks to Sgt. 1st Class Charles Medecke (center), the battalion's senior motor sergeant and Staff Sgt. Daniel Knapp, a German military police officer, before beginning their second day convoy travel to Poland for a nine-month deployment, Jan. 10, 2017 at Bergen-Hohne, Germany. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Tarr)

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BERGEN-HOHNE, Germany – Soldiers assigned to 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, out of Fort Carson, Colorado, began their convoy to Poland for their nine-month deployment training alongside multinational partners in support of Atlantic Resolve, Jan. 9, at Bremerhaven Seaport.

The unit's arrival marks the start of back-to-back rotations of armored brigades in Europe as part of Atlantic Resolve. This rotation will enhance deterrence capabilities in the region, improve the U.S. ability to respond to potential crises, and defend allies and partners in the European community. U.S. forces will focus on strengthening capabilities and sustaining readiness through bilateral and multinational training and exercises.

In total, 4th ID is bringing 3,500 personnel,

87 tanks, 18 Paladins; 419 multi-purpose Humvees and 144 Bradley tanks; a total of more than 2,000 pieces of equipment and containers to train alongside their multinational partners in several countries across Europe.

The vast amount of equipment was transported by three cargo ships, rail, commercial line-haul and a military convoy, and will consolidate near training areas in Drawsko Pomorskie and Zagan, Poland.

"Initially they (U.S. Soldiers) will be assembling in Poland and going through tactical assembly activities to make sure they are ready to fight, which means they are able to shoot, move and communicate," said U.S. Army Europe Deputy Commander, Maj. Gen. Tim McGuire. "They will also go into some training exercises with the Polish Armed Forces and then the brigade will move out to locations from Estonia down to Bulgaria and Romania."

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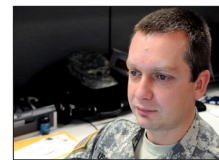
1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division Soldiers are preparing to deploy to Afghanistan to support **Operation Freedom Sentinel**.



1st Infantry Division leadership **observes Iraqi Armed Forces Day** in Baghdad, Iraq while participating in Operation Inherent Resolve.



An Army Reserve Soldier comforted Families during **casualty operations** for the 99th Regional Support Command at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.



Soldiers from 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division and Kuwaiti forces, recently conducted a **Combined Arms Live-Fire Exercise** in Kuwait.



Soldiers from First Army Division East's 4th Cavalry Multifunctional Training Brigade recently conducted **refresher and recertification training**.



3rd Infantry Division CALFEX



50th Public Affairs Detachment - Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, conduct a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX), Dec. 15, 2016, on Fort Stewart, Ga. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Elizabeth White)

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Right Mission Command Post - Operational Detachment members Master Sgt. Joshua Loos (left), Joint Security Operations, and 1st Lt. Matthew Tacha (right), force protection officer, meet with Staff Sgt. Thomas Honeycutt, Patrol Explosive Detection dog handler and military working dog, Cheyanne, Jan. 5, 2017, in Baghdad, Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Anna Pongo)

Left Soldiers assigned to D Company, 1st Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, clear sectors of Camp Taji, Iraq, Dec. 30, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Christopher Brecht)



Above 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade Soldiers fly with their equipment on an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. to Libby Army Air Field, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. during Operation Desert Hawk, Dec. 7, 2016 (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin P. Bell)



Above Spc. Kara Agnew, a parachute rigger assigned to the 151st Division Aerial Delivery Company, 189th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 82nd Sustainment Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, hurdles over the vault obstacle of the DeGlopper Air Assault School obstacle course on Fort Bragg, N.C., Jan. 4, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Daniel Schroeder)

Left The 1st Cavalry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade conducts a Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan Dec. 17, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by SFC LaSonya J. Johnson)



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