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## Senior Leaders SecArmy issues final challenge



"Time and again we've seen Soldiers respond to changes in the character of war. We've seen their battlefield flexibility in developing rough-and-ready solutions quickly against nimble adversaries. But we need to demonstrate the same flexibility in how we equip, train, and resource our military to fight and win in a time of rapid technological, political, and demographic change."

— Eric Fanning  
Secretary of the Army  
Jan. 13, 2017, Washington

## On Point Army implements new fitness standards

Recently the Army began administering the Occupational Physical Assessment Test, or OPAT, to all recruits to assess their fitness for military occupational specialties.

The OPAT also will be used to assess Soldiers who are reclassifying into a different MOS. Army Recruiting Command estimates that the OPAT will be administered to about 80,000 recruits and thousands of cadets annually. Soldiers moving into more physically demanding MOS's also will have to meet the OPAT standard.



## All American Legacy Podcast

This year the 82nd Airborne Division is celebrating 100 years of service. Check out their new mobile-friendly podcast on iTunes which honors the men and women who served and tells the greatest stories from Division history.

## 10th Combat Aviation Brigade prepares for Atlantic Resolve



A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division prepares its aircraft for departure at Fort Drum, New York, on Jan. 9, 2017. The brigade's aircraft flew to military installations in the south in preparation for deployment to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Thomas Scaggs)

By Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Hutchison,  
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FORT DRUM, NY (Jan. 10, 2017) - "We're going to be all over Europe joining the strong Europe team and integrating into their training plan for the next nine months."

Col. Clair A. Gill, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade commander, and almost 2,000 of his Troops will be one of the next units to bolster the U.S. presence in Europe.

Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook recently said the increase of American servicemembers in Europe "is part of our European Reassurance Initiative to maintain persistent, rotational presence of air, land and sea forces in Central and Eastern Europe."

Cook was talking about the Navy ships headed to the western Pacific and 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division's recent deployment, but 10th CAB is close behind and will

be providing a much needed training opportunity to the other NATO forces.

"While an armor brigade is a very lethal force, and they're going to do some fantastic training with our partners on the ground, aviation really is what I like to call that three-dimensional problem solver for the Army, the joint force and our coalitions," Gill said. "We move faster than they do on the ground and we shoot farther in some cases than some systems from the ground."

Those capabilities will be demonstrated through several different training missions scheduled throughout Europe.

"There's a tremendous amount of training opportunities over there, with multiple nations that don't get a chance to work with aviation," Gill said. "There are some countries over there that have less than a handful of aircraft, so we will have that decisive impact for them to learn how to do air/ground operations."

## FORSCOM in the news

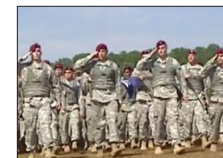
The Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command **visited Total Army Soldiers** during a recent trip to Afghanistan.



Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, were **formally welcomed** recently to Poland by Polish citizens during a ceremony.



The 82nd Airborne Division celebrates its 100th birthday this year and to celebrate, **the Division is launching a podcast** to tell its' storied past.



The 1st Cavalry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade recently hosted its **first Leadership Seminar** at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.



Soldiers with D Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment (Long Range Surveillance) recently conducted a **deactivation ceremony** at Fort Hood, Texas.



## Poland welcomes U.S. Army



**24th Press Camp Headquarters** - Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, and the Polish 34th Armored Cavalry Brigade, 11th "Lubuska" Armored Cavalry Division, render honors during a welcome ceremony for American troops, Jan. 12, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Corinna Baltos)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Left** UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, depart Wheeler-Sack Airfield on Fort Drum, N.Y., Jan. 9, 2017. The brigade's aircraft flew to military installations in the south in preparation to deploy to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Thomas Scaggs)

**Right** Sgt. John Mersky, a cavalry scout with 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, installs an MK93 machine gun mount on a Humvee, Jan. 9, 2017, at Fort Stewart Ga. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. John Onuoha)



**Above** Soldiers from C Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, conduct mortar training in Arta, Djibouti, Jan. 5, 2017. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kenneth W. Norman)



**Above** Soldiers assigned to the 122nd Aviation Support Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, cut into a vehicle during Downed Aircraft Recovery Team training on Fort Bragg, N.C., Jan. 10, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Steven Galimore)

**Left** Soldiers with 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, work on an armored ammunition carrier during railway operations at Drawsko Pormoskie, Poland, Jan. 9, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Scott Kuhn)



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