

**3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team,
4th Infantry Division
“Iron Brigade”
Fort Carson, Colorado**

Media Kit



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3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team (3 ABCT) Leadership

COLONEL CHRISTOPHER R. NORRIE, BRIGADE COMMANDER

Col. Christopher R. Norrie assumed command of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Dec. 2, 2015.

He last served as the director of the Chief of Staff of the Army's Coordination Group in Washington, DC (2014-2015).

His previous tours include G3 (Operations), 1st Armored Division; commander, 6th Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry (Stryker Reconnaissance Squadron), 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division (Fort Bliss, Texas); S3 (Operations), 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division with duty in Kirkuk, Iraq (2010); S3 (Operations), 4th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry (Armored Reconnaissance Squadron), 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division with duty in Baghdad, Iraq (2006-2008); secretary of the general staff, 1st Cavalry Division (Fort Hood, Texas); observer/controller (Cobra Team), National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California; Tank and Headquarters Company commander, 1st Battalion, 8th U.S. Cavalry with duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina; S4 (Logistics), 1st Battalion, 8th U.S. Cavalry (Fort Hood, Texas); Tank Company executive officer, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Fort Riley, Kansas); aide-de-camp to the deputy commanding general (Maneuver), 1st Infantry Division (Fort Riley, Kansas); and Tank and Scout platoon leader, 4th Battalion, 37th Armor Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Fort Riley, Kansas).



Col. Norrie is a distinguished military graduate of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and holds Masters Degrees in Business Administration from Embry-Riddle University and in National Security Strategy from the National War College. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Armor Officer Basic Course (Fort Knox, Kentucky), Infantry Officer Advanced Course (Fort Benning, Georgia), and the Command and General Staff College (Fort Leavenworth, Kansas).

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (three awards, one with valor), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Iraq Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team (3 ABCT) Leadership

CSM CHRISTOPHER R. GUNN, BRIGADE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher David Gunn, a native of Warner Robins, Georgia, graduated from Northside High School and entered military service in March 1992.



Command Sgt. Maj. Gunn completed Basic and One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Georgia. Gunn's assignments include 25th LRSD (Long Range Surveillance Detachment), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, Fort Drum, New York; 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment (Basic Training Battalion), Fort Jackson, South Carolina; 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Task Force 1, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and 1st Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Polk, Louisiana; United States Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) Class 59, Fort Bliss, Texas; 3rd IBCT, 1AD, Fort Bliss; command sergeant major of 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, Fort Stewart, Georgia; command sergeant major of 2nd Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gunn's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (1 Silver and 1 Bronze Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (five Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Unit Commendation (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Superior Unit Award (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal (eighth award), National Defense Service Medal (second award), Iraqi Campaign Medal with two stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with two stars, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, NATO Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and Ranger Tab. He is also a receipt of the Order of St Maurice, Order of St George and Order of St Barbara, a member of the Audie Murphy Association and a distinguished member of 502nd Regimental Association.

He holds an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Central Texas College, a Bachelor's Degree in Multidisciplinary Skills and a Master of Arts in Leadership Studies from University of Texas at El Paso.

“Iron Brigade” Operation Atlantic Resolve Mission

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division is the current regionally aligned heavy brigade for Europe. In January 2017 the entire brigade will deploy to support U.S. Army Europe and participate in Operation Atlantic Resolve.

Deploying the Iron Brigade, including all its heavy equipment, to train with allies and partners and demonstrate the capabilities of an armored brigade combat team is a challenging mission, one the brigade is well prepared to undertake and eager to accomplish. Iron Soldiers have spent the last year aggressively training in preparation for this mission, and we are proud to be the brigade chosen to continue the armored presence in Europe.

The 3/4 ABCT's deployment in January marks the beginning of a continuous U.S. armored brigade presence in Europe. These “heel-to-toe” rotations, made possible by the European Reassurance Initiative, is a strong signal of the United States' ironclad commitment to strengthening the defensive and deterrent capabilities of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization alliance.

“Iron Brigade” Overall Mission

When at its home station of Fort Carson, Colorado, the Iron Brigade conducts decisive-action training in order to achieve and maintain proficiency in offensive and defensive Unified Land Operations. The brigade continues its training progression from the company level through the brigade level – performing in scaled, modular formations or as part of a larger force – to enable collective readiness in preparation for any contingency operation worldwide. Most recently, upon the return of select 3rd ABCT senior leadership and staff from the Leader Training Program at Fort Irwin, California, in late June 2016, the brigade culminated its collective training progression through a final home-station training exercise, Iron Strike 16, from July 5-21, 2016, prior to conducting a deployment-validation rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin from Aug. 21, 2016, to Sept. 20, 2016.

Command Priorities

Tough, Realistic Training: Combat operations demand strong, active leaders at all levels; tight units; tough and confident Soldiers; simple, violently executed battle drills; and weapons and systems that work. Our goal is to develop these things under conditions as close to combat as possible. Training must be stressful, challenging, and fast-paced with clear, understood training objectives. Training must be well planned, executed on time, and evaluated to ensure that objectives were met.

Every Soldier is a Leader: Leaders are responsible for the combat readiness of their units. Senior leaders assign tasks, provide resources, establish standards, and hold teams accountable for excellent results. Junior leaders must be able to do the right thing in the absence of continuous direction.

Soldiers and Families: Building and strengthening our Soldiers and Families is accomplished through teamwork; enforcing discipline; conditioning mental, physical and spiritual strength; fostering independent Families; raising awareness to prevent harassment and assault, alcohol abuse, suicide and domestic violence.

“Iron Brigade” Units



588th Brigade Engineer Battalion (588th BEB)

“Lone Star” Battalion

“The 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion deploys and provides mobility, communications, intelligence, and security support to enable 3rd ABCT's full-spectrum operations.”



1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment (1st Bn., 8th Inf. Reg.)

“Fighting Eagles”

“The 1st Bn., 8th Inf. Reg., maintains combat readiness to deploy, fight, and win in any theater of operation.”



1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment (1st Bn., 66th Armor Reg.)

“Iron Knights”

“The 1st Bn., 66th Armor Reg., maintains combat readiness to deploy anywhere in the world and conduct full-spectrum operations in support of the commander's objectives.”



1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment (1st Bn., 68th Armor Reg.)

“Silver Lions”

“The 1st Bn., 68th Armor Reg., maintains combat readiness to deploy, fight, and win in any theater of operation.”



4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment (4th Sqdrn., 10th Cav. Reg.)

“Black Jacks”

“Black Jack Squadron conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in support of the development of the 3rd ABCT's situational awareness and knowledge in the area of operations.”



3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment (3rd Bn., 29th FA Reg.)

“Pacesetters”

“The 3rd Bn., 29th FA Reg., provides timely and accurate lethal indirect-fire support for the 3rd ABCT, along with synchronizing the effects of non-lethal fires for the Commander in support of any worldwide deployment or contingency operation. On order, the Pacesetters are prepared to operate as a motorized maneuver battalion, combining both maneuver and traditional fire support against any enemy on the modern battlefield.”



64th Brigade Support Battalion (64th BSB)

“Mountaineers”

“The 64th BSB deploys with the 3rd ABCT to provide a singular, responsive, multifunctional source of combat service support.”

“Iron Brigade” Highlights

- As our Army transitions to a leaner, more agile force, 3rd ABCT will continue to adapt our training to shape a future force that has the capability and versatility to prevent conflict, shape the environment, and decisively win our Nation’s wars.
- The 3rd ABCT conducts decisive action training at Fort Carson, Colorado. In order to achieve proficiency in offensive operations, and in order to prepare to assume allocated missions in support of world-wide operations.
- The training environment of Fort Carson and Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) produces adaptive leaders and agile forces for the current fight, which are responsive to the unforeseen contingencies of the 21st Century.
- The 3rd ABCT has transitioned its training to decisive-action exercises that provide a comprehensive approach in a Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental and Multinational (JIIM) environment.
- Decisive-action scenarios ensure brigade combat teams are trained and ready to win the current fight, while maintaining responsiveness for future contingencies.
- The decisive-action training environment scenarios are reflective of the complexities of potential adversaries our nation could face and include: near-peer conventional, guerilla, insurgent, and criminal forces woven into one dynamic environment.
- The decisive-action training environment was developed to create a common training scenario for use throughout the Army.
- Decisive-action training allows units to fully exercise their mission-essential task list that supports the Army’s core competencies: wide-area security and combined-arms maneuver.
- The Iron Brigade is committed to balancing our training mission with protecting and preserving Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site’s natural environment and historical properties.
- 3rd ABCT strives to be good neighbors and partners with its southern Colorado community and to communicate upcoming training events that may affect them.
- We ensure safety is adhered to on our ranges and training at Fort Carson and PCMS to protect the Soldiers, civilian personnel and those who live outside the gates of our community.

3rd Armored Brigade Atlantic Resolve Rotation Fact Sheet

- Nine-month rotations scheduled into the foreseeable future
- Enhances deterrence capabilities, increases ability to respond to potential crises, and defends our Allies and partners in the European community
- Remains under U.S. command
- Focuses on strengthening capabilities and sustaining readiness through bilateral and multinational training and exercises

3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Overview:

- Arrived Jan. 5, 2017, from Fort Carson, Colorado
- Approximately 3,500 Soldiers, 87 tanks, 144 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, 18 Paladin self-propelled artillery (446 tracked vehicles, 907 wheeled vehicles, 650 trailers)
- Represents the beginning of Armored Brigade Combat Team continuous presence and back-to-back rotations of U.S. ABCTs in support of Atlantic Resolve

3rd ABCT Deployment:

- Equipment arrived at Bremerhaven, Germany, Jan. 6, 2017, and moved by rail, commercial line-haul and military convoy to Poland, consolidating at Drawsko Pomorskie, Skwierzyna, Swietoszow, Boleslawiec, and Zagan training areas
- Transportation included 3 vessels, approximately 35 trains, 100 vehicles for the movement of 2,800 pieces of equipment
- Convoys drove a distance of 930 KM to reach Zagan, Poland

Purpose:

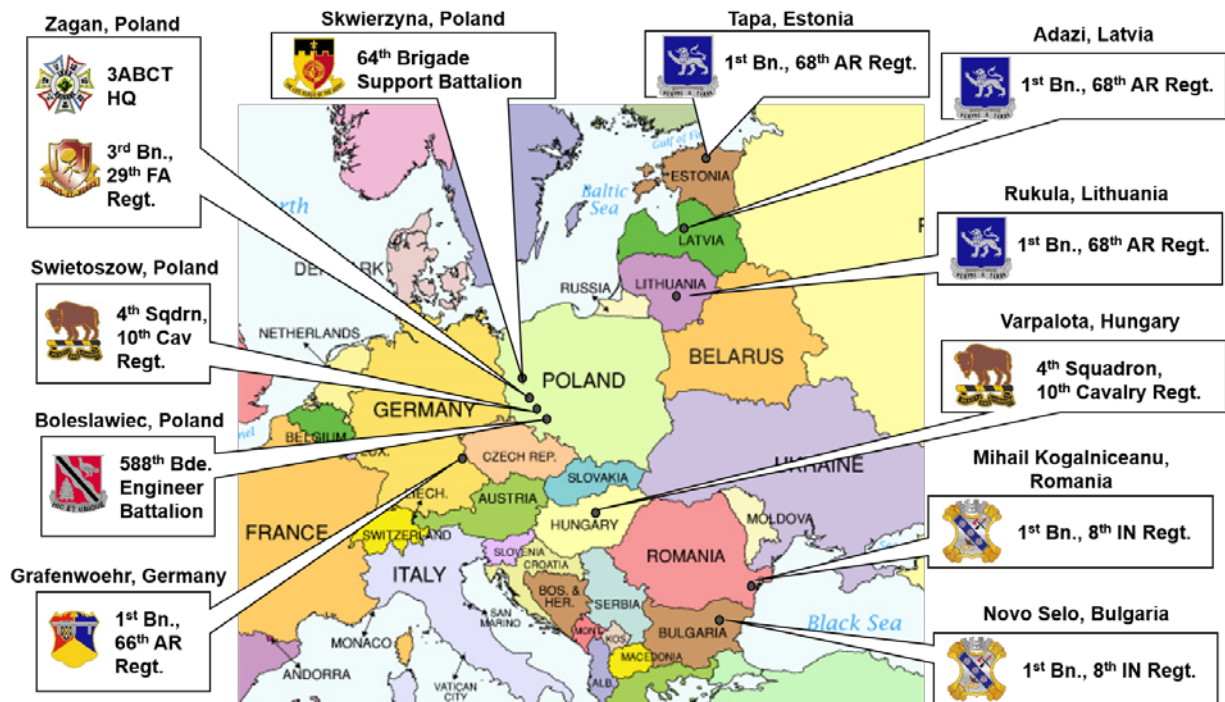
- The armor rotational brigade is making good on our commitment to the U.S.—European strategic partnership.
- This rotational force, deploying with their full complement of equipment, puts U.S. armor back into Europe.
- The forward presence of U.S. Soldiers is the bedrock of our country's ability to assure Allies, deter adversaries, and posture to act quickly if deterrence fails.
- The rotational forces will conduct exercises across the theater during the course of their nine month rotation, routinely demonstrating speed of assembly and massing for training events.

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- These forces will train with our Allies and partners, ultimately leading to greater interoperability
- Rotational units will demonstrate their capability during July 2017 at exercise Saber Guardian 17 in the Black Sea region.

3rd ABCT Locations: Beginning in February 2017, units will distribute across the region:

- Brigade headquarters; brigade engineering and support battalions; 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment; and 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment - Poland (Zagan, DPTA, Swietoszow, Skwierzyzna, and Boleslawiec)
- 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment positioning in Baltic nations until NATO Enhanced Forward Presence battalions are in place, then rotating for exercises
- 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment will train primarily in Bulgaria and Romania
- 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment is at Grafenwöhr, Germany, for training and competitions



Atlantic Resolve Fact Sheet

Armored and Aviation brigade rotations overview

- Nine-month rotations scheduled into the foreseeable future
- Enhances the deterrence capabilities, increases ability to respond to potential crises and defend our allies and partners in the European community
- Remains under U.S. command (not NATO)
- Focuses on strengthening capabilities and sustaining readiness through bilateral and multinational training and exercises

4th Infantry Division, Mission Command Element:

- Based in Baumholder, Germany; regionally aligned division headquarters for Europe
- Oversees rotational units, tactical headquarters for U.S. land forces
- Provides U.S. Army Europe a division-level command and control capability

10th Combat Aviation Brigade:

- Began arriving Feb. 12, 2017, from Fort Drum, New York with approximately 10 Chinooks, 50 Blackhawks and 1,800 Soldiers
- Headquartered in Illesheim, Germany, with forward positioned aircraft in task forces in Latvia, Romania, and Poland
- An aviation battalion from Ft. Bliss will be attached to the 10th CAB task force with approximately 400 Soldiers and 24 Apaches
- Black Sea persistent and continuous presence
- Continued investment in the training and mission command capabilities at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria, and Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania

Army Prepositioned Stock

- Started assembling in September 2016, most of the equipment comes from across the Army, some was once European Activity Set
- Equipment and ammunition required to support armored division-sized force, can also be drawn for training and exercises
- Reduces deployment times, improves deterrence capabilities and provides additional combat power for contingency operations
- Locations: Eyselshoven, Netherlands; Zutendaal, Belgium; Miesau and Dülmen, Germany; and discussions ongoing for a site in Poland

Enhanced Forward Presence

- Separate and distinct from U.S. Army Europe rotational forces
- Will fall under NATO operational control
- Contributes to the alliance's deterrence and defense capabilities
- U.S. is the framework nation for the Poland-based eFP Battle Group
- In April 2017, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment will move from Vilseck, Germany, to Orzysz, Poland, and includes United Kingdom and Romanian forces

For more information visit www.eur.army.mil/AtlanticResolve

4th Infantry Division & Fort Carson, Colorado, Fact Sheet

4th Infantry Division is a modular division of the United States Army based at Fort Carson, Colorado. It is composed of four organic infantry and armored brigade combat teams and one combat aviation brigade.

The 4th Infantry Division's official nickname, "Ivy" is a play on words of the Roman numeral IV or 4. Ivy leaves symbolize tenacity and fidelity, which are the basis of the division's motto: "Steadfast and Loyal." The second nickname, "Iron Horse," has been adopted to underscore the speed and power of the division and its soldiers.

Fort Carson is a U.S. Army installation located near Colorado Springs, Colorado. It is located between Pueblo, Colorado (approximately 40 miles to the south) and Denver, Colorado (approximately 75 miles to the north).

Fort Carson is approximately 137,000 acres in size and also includes Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, which is an additional 236,000 acres in size.

Fort Carson contains and cares for more than 26,000 active-duty military, 42,000 family members, 6,300 Army civilians and 47,000 local military retirees. It additionally has five schools located on the installation that provide for the educational needs of more than 3,800 children.

4th Infantry Division History

The 4th Infantry Division is the preeminent team of combat-focused Soldiers, Families, and supporting community members achieving excellence in the support of each other and the Army's mission.

As the Army's only balanced division with the combination of armor, light, and Stryker infantry, the 4th Inf. Div. is the most versatile division in the United States Army providing options to joint force commanders consistent with today's Army Operating Concept.

On December 10, 1917, the same year that America entered World War I, the 4th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, was organized at Camp Greene, North Carolina to begin its long tradition of service to the Nation. Filled with draftees, the 4th Div., whose insignia had been adopted by its first commanding general, Major General George H. Cameron, became known as the "Ivy" Division. Its insignia consisted of four green ivy leaves on a khaki background. The division also derived its numerical designation from the Roman numeral IV; hence the nickname, "Ivy" Division. The division's motto, "Steadfast and Loyal," has described the Iron Horse Soldier for nearly 100 years.

By June 1918, the entire division had arrived in France, and before entering combat in July for the Aisne-Marne Offensive, the 4th fought with distinction across France and

received great praise for their heroic efforts during St. Mariel and the Muese-Argonne campaigns. With the Armistice signed on Nov. 11, the division moved to serve both the French and British sectors as well as all Corps in the American sector and was the first to crack the Hindenburg Line.

The 4th Infantry Division was reactivated in June 1940 and began training immediately for war. Sent to England in January 1944 for amphibious training prior to D-Day, the 4th Infantry Division was first ashore, landing at Utah Beach on June 6, 1944. After a successful landing and breakout from Normandy, the 4th pushed into France and liberated Paris. The division then moved to Luxembourg where the 4th Inf. Div. became the first U.S. Soldiers to breach the Siegfried line and enter Germany. The 4th moved north to face the enemy in the bloody Hurtgen Forest and after weeks of brutal combat returned to Luxembourg for action in the Battle of the Bulge. The 4th Inf. Div. halted the enemy advance in December, gained the offensive and attacked across the Rhine and into eastern Germany during the spring of 1945.

The Fighting Fourth was again called into action in the fall of 1965 and sent to Vietnam. The division was given a large area of the Central Highlands to control and a base camp was soon established at Pleiku. During the next four years, the 4th Inf. Div. engaged the enemy in brutal combat, conducting search and destroy missions and constant patrols to defend their assigned territory. They eliminated enemy incursions moving from the Ho Chi Minh Trail thru Cambodia and Laos. When the division departed Vietnam in late 1970, it had earned 11 campaign streamers and 12 Soldiers had earned the Medal of Honor.

The 4th Inf. Div. returned to combat in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and would deploy multiple times during the next eight years. After arriving in April 2003, the division established Task Force Iron Horse at Tikrit and engaged the enemy north of Baghdad. In December 2003, the 4th along with special operations forces captured Saddam Hussein. The 4th Inf. Div. Headquarters returned in both 2005 and 2007 to command Multi-National Division-Baghdad and the division's brigade combat teams also made multiple deployments in support of the war. During their service in Iraq, Iron Horse Soldiers would balance aggressive operations to eliminate threats with massive rebuilding projects and sophisticated training programs. The Iron Horse Division deployed, serving as the command for MND-North in support of Operation New Dawn, in 2010.

The Al Qaeda attacks of September 11, 2001 resulted in a swift and unified action to destroy those responsible. The U.S. Army invaded Afghanistan in 2001 to search for and destroy al Qaeda, its sympathizers and its leader Osama Bin Laden. The action became known as Operation Enduring Freedom and focused on eliminating the Taliban organization which supported al Qaeda and practiced domestic terrorism against the people of Afghanistan. As the war evolved U.S. and NATO forces increased in number to also provide necessary security training and infrastructure development for a free and democratic Afghanistan.

The Iron Horse Division cased its colors again, June 24, 2013, symbolizing the beginning of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion's one-year deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The division deployed part of its headquarters to support NATO's International Security Assistance Force Regional Command-South in its mission to support and enable Afghanistan's National Security Forces to conduct security operations and create the necessary conditions to promote economic development and governance in the Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan and Daykundi provinces.

After returning from their deployment to Regional Command-South, Afghanistan, the 4th Inf. Div. received the Army's Regionally Allocated Forces mission in Europe. Arriving in Europe Feb. 13, 2015, the 4th Inf. Div. Mission Command Element serves as an intermediate headquarters for U.S. Army Europe, operating in support of Atlantic Resolve.

The 4th Inf. Div. headquarters is the first division-level headquarters to deploy to Europe as part of the regionally allocated forces concept. The MCE is a headquarters element tailored to provide mission command for all U.S. ground forces participating in Atlantic Resolve, and oversees continuous, enhanced multinational training and security cooperation activities with allies and partners in Eastern Europe, to include countries of Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Germany.

The 4th Inf. Div. has earned 22 campaign streamers for participation in World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Since World War I, 21 Soldiers were awarded the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor. Staff Sgt. Clinton L. Romesha and Staff Sgt. Ty Michael Carter are two recent Soldiers to receive the nation's highest military award for extraordinary gallantry and selfless actions during the Battle of Kamdesh at Combat Outpost Keating, Afghanistan, on Oct. 3, 2009. Capt. Florent A. Groberg was the latest Iron Horse Soldier to receive the Medal of Honor from the President, Nov. 12, 2015.



“Iron Brigade” History

The 3rd Brigade was constituted Nov. 19, 1917, in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 8th Infantry Brigade, as an element of the 4th Infantry Division. It was organized in December 1917 at Camp Greene, N.C. The Brigade has been reorganized and redesignated several times over the years. Finally, on Dec. 15, 1970, it was activated at Fort Carson, Colorado, as 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

When the Division Headquarters moved to Fort Hood, Texas, in 1995, the brigade remained at Fort Carson and was redesignated as the 3rd Brigade Combat Team (3rd BCT). In May 2006 the brigade completed its transformation to the Army’s modular design.

The brigade has received numerous campaign participation credits, including Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne during World War I; Counteroffensive, Phases II-VI, and Tet Counteroffensive in Vietnam; and Operation Iraqi Freedom I of the War on Terrorism, to name a few. A few of its more prestigious decorations include the Presidential Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Award, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class.

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team is comprised of nearly 4,200 Soldiers including: 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment; the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment; the 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion; and the 64th Brigade Support Battalion.

The 3rd ABCT deployed four times in a span of seven years in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom – from 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2007-2008 – and later, Operation New Dawn from 2010-2011. In Iraq, the brigade’s mission included several key areas: neutralizing the anti-Iraqi forces, building a capable Iraqi Security Force, legitimizing a responsive government, and putting Iraqis in the lead. During the latter half of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the beginning of Operation New Dawn, from March 2010-2011, the 3rd BCT had the mission to serve as an advise-and-assist brigade responsible for advising, training, and assisting Iraqi Security Forces. During that deployment, the brigade provided training and assistance to Iraqi security forces while simultaneously assisting the Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT) in helping the Iraqi government rebuild its civil capacity and infrastructure. While there, the brigade fell under the command of the 1st Infantry Division and the 36th Infantry Division in the southern four provinces of Iraq.

Along with its organic elements, the brigade partnered with two Iraqi Army Divisions, 10th IA Division and 14th IA Division; 4th Region DBE with the 9th, 10th, and 14th Brigades; three ports of entry, one each at Safwan, Al Sheeb, and Shalamchah; one Federal Police Brigade; the Iraqi Highway Police in Dhi Qar Province; and Iraqi police with four separate provincial directors of police. The brigade also partnered with four PRT, responsible for securing movement, assessing projects and managing commanders’ emergency response funds.

The brigade's units worked with their partners diligently, training, mentoring and providing enablers when needed to assist the Iraqis to develop an effective and lethal security force capable of defeating the anti-Iraqi forces and supporting the elected government. The 3rd ABCT returned to Fort Carson in March 2011.

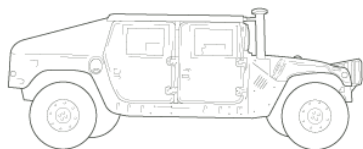
The 3rd ABCT sent more than 300 of its officers and senior noncommissioned officers in April and May 2012 on a nine-month deployment to the southern provinces of Afghanistan to help mentor and train Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). While supporting their deployed leadership, the remaining "Iron Brigade" Soldiers, NCOs and officers continue to train and prepare to maintain combat readiness to fulfill any future mission requirements.

The 3rd ABCT deployed to Kuwait in February 2015 for a nine-month mission under Operation Spartan Shield. OSS is part of a longstanding bilateral defense relationship between the United States and the Persian Gulf region, with the U.S. maintaining a brigade in the region routinely since the first Gulf War in 1991. While deployed, 3rd ABCT conducted security operations as well as multinational and joint exercises aimed at helping to build the capacity of partner nations in the region.

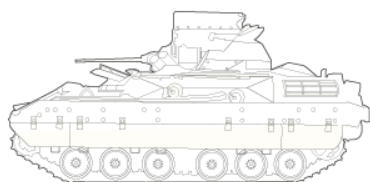


Iron Brigade Vehicles

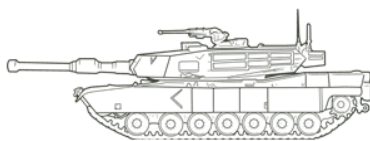
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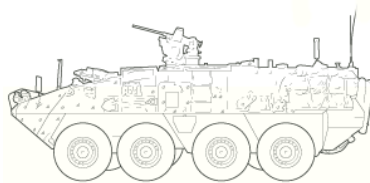
HMMWV (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) – The HMMWV is a light, highly mobile, diesel-powered, four-wheel-drive vehicle equipped with an automatic transmission. Based on the M998 chassis, using common components and kits, the HMMWV vehicles include 11 variants. All HMMWVs are designed for use over all types of roads, in all weather conditions and are extremely effective in the most difficult terrain. The HMMWV's high power-to-weight ratio, four-wheel drive and high ground clearance combine to give it outstanding cross-country mobility.



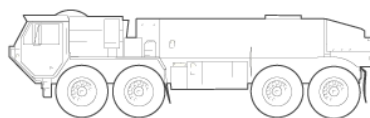
Bradley Fighting Vehicle – Provides protected transport of an infantry squad on the battlefield and overwatching fires to support the dismounted infantry; is employed to suppress and defeat enemy tanks, reconnaissance vehicles, infantry fighting vehicles, armored personnel carriers, bunkers, dismounted infantry and attack helicopters; and performs cavalry scout and other essential (Bradley-equipped fire support and Stinger teams) missions in the 21st century. The infantry version (M2) is used most often to close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver. The primary tasks performed by the cavalry version (M3) as part of a troop and/or squadron are reconnaissance, security and flank guard missions.



Abrams – The Abrams tank closes with and destroys enemy forces on the integrated battlefield using mobility, firepower, and shock effect. There are three variants in service: M1, M1A1 and M1A2. The 120mm main gun on the M1A1 and M1A2, combined with the powerful 1,500 hp turbine engine and special armor, make the Abrams tank particularly suitable for attacking or defending against large concentrations of heavy armor forces on a highly lethal battlefield.



Stryker – To fulfill an immediate requirement in the Army's current transformation process to equip a strategically deployable (C-17/C-5) and operationally deployable (C-130) brigade capable of rapid movement anywhere on the globe in a combat ready configuration. The armored wheeled vehicle is designed to enable the Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) to maneuver more easily in close and urban terrain while providing protection in open terrain. There are approximately nine variations of the vehicle.

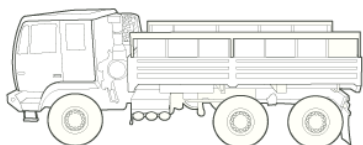


Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) – Provides transport capabilities for re-supply of combat vehicles and weapons systems. This vehicle family is rapidly deployable and is designed to operate in any

climatic condition where military operations are expected to occur. The HEMTT is the backbone of U.S. Army logistics. Standard features include front and rear tow eyes, blackout lights, 24-volt electrical system, and rear pintle hook for towing trailers and artillery. All models are C130, C141 and C17 air transportable and are capable of fording water crossings up to 48 inches deep.



Palletized Load System (PLS) – Perform line haul, local haul, unit resupply, and other missions in the tactical environment to support modernized and highly mobile combat units. Rapid movement of combat configured loads of ammunition and all classes of supply, shelters and containers.



Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) – Fills the Army's medium tactical-vehicle requirement for unit mobility and unit resupply, and transportation of equipment and personnel. Three truck variants and two companion trailers, with the same cube and payload capacity as their prime movers, provide air drop capability. It is rapidly deployable worldwide and operates on primary and secondary roads, trails, and cross-country terrain, in all climatic conditions. Commonality of parts across truck chassis variants significantly reduces the logistics burden and operating and support costs.



Paladin – The M109A6 howitzer is the most technologically-advanced self-propelled cannon system in the U.S. Army. The "A6" designation identifies several changes to the standard model that provide improvements to weapon survivability, responsiveness, reliability, availability and maintainability, armament and terminal effects. The fire-control system is fully automated, providing accurate position location, azimuth reference and on-board ballistic solutions of fire missions.

The **M88 Recovery Vehicle** – The M88 is one of the largest armored recovery vehicles (ARV) currently in use by the U.S. military. There are currently three variants, the *M88*, *M88A1* and *M88A2* HERCULES (Heavy Equipment Recovery Combat Utility Lifting Extraction System). The design of this vehicle was based on the chassis and parts of the automotive component of the M48 Patton and M60 Patton tanks. The original M88 was introduced in 1961, M88A1 in 1977, with the current M88A2 introduced in 1997.

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M-4 Carbine – A compact version of the M16A2 rifle, with a collapsible stock, a flat-top upper receiver accessory rail and a detachable handle/rear aperture site assembly. The M4 enables a soldier operating in close quarters to engage targets at extended range with accurate, lethal fire.



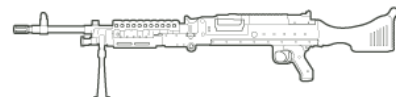
M-9 Pistol – A semi-automatic, single-action / double-action pistol. The M9 is the primary sidearm of The U.S. military, replacing the .45 caliber model M1911A1. The M9 has a 15-round staggered magazine with a reversible magazine release button that can be positioned for either right- or left-handed shooters.



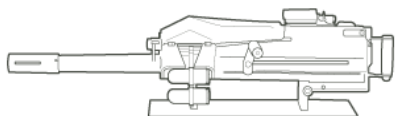
M203/M203A1 Grenade Launcher – The M203 grenade launcher is a single-shot weapon designed for use with the M16 series rifle and fires a 40mm grenade. The M203A1 grenade launcher is a single-shot weapon designed for use with the M4 series carbine and also fires a 40mm grenade. Both have a leaf sight and quadrant site. The M203 is also being used as the delivery system for a growing array of less-than-lethal munitions.



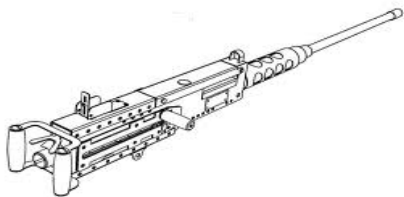
M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon – A lightweight, gas-operated, one-man-portable automatic weapon capable of delivering a large volume of effective fire at ranges up to 800 meters. Two M249s are issued per infantry squad.



M-240B Machine Gun – This is a ground-mounted, gas-operated, crew-served machine gun. This reliable 7.62mm machine gun delivers more energy to the target than the smaller caliber M-249 SAW. It is being issued to infantry, armor, combat engineer, special force/rangers, and selected field artillery units that require medium support fires.

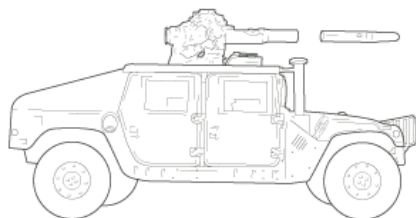


MK19-3 – This is a self-powered, air-cooled, belt-fed, blowback-operated weapon designed to deliver decisive firepower against enemy personnel and lightly armored vehicles. It replaces the M2 heavy machine guns in selected units and will be the primary suppressive weapon for combat support and combat service support units. The MK19-3 can be mounted on the HMMWV, M113 family of vehicles, 5-ton trucks, and selected M88A1 recovery vehicles.



M-2 .50 Caliber Machine Gun – The M2 is a belt-fed, recoil-operated, air-cooled, crew-served machine gun. The gun is capable of single shot, as well as automatic fire, and operates on the short recoil principle. It can be used to defend against low-flying hostile aircraft, support the infantryman in both attack and defense, destroy lightly armored vehicles, provide protection for

motor movements, vehicle parks and train bivouacs, and reconnaissance by fire on suspected enemy positions.



TOW – The TOW (Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire command-link guided) Missile System consists of a tripod, traversing unit, missile guidance set, launch tube, optical sight, battery assembly and any of five missile variations. The TOW system is mounted on various platforms including the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, the improved TOW vehicle, the Humvee and the AH-1F

Cobra helicopter. In addition, it can be operated in a dismounted ground mode. The TOW is guided to its target merely by the gunner keeping the cross-hairs on the target.



Javelin – The first "fire-and-forget" shoulder-fired anti-tank missile now fielded to the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps, replacing Dragon. Javelin's unique top-attack flight mode, superior self-guiding tracking system and advanced warhead design allows it to defeat all known tanks out to ranges of 2500m.