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— FORSCOM CG, CSM  
June 20, 2017  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

## On Point Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation

The Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation (ODSAP) is the U.S. Army's informative safety presentation containing statistics, contributing factors, prevention tips and other relevant information regarding off-duty accidents. With the onset of summer and the anticipated rise of off-duty accidents, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center launched its annual off-duty safety awareness presentation which is themed, "**There are No Retakes In Real Life.**" ODSAP is a proactive risk management tool that helps educate Soldiers on the most prevalent hazards they face off duty.



## Women's Health Portal

The web-based women's health portal, provides information on women's health topics. This portal gives women and healthcare providers access to health-related resources and support that facilitate health and readiness in deployed and garrison settings.



## Army, joint forces conduct vital 'hot range' training in Africa



Soldiers of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, deployed as Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, conduct weapons training at a range along the southern coast of the Gulf of Tadjoura, June 18, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Joseph Harwood)

By Tech. Sgt. Joseph Harwood

DJIBOUTI CITY, Djibouti — In military terminology, "the range is hot" is a warning that weapons are currently authorized to fire on a training range. This term has dual meaning here for military members, who are no strangers to the brutal heat of the training ranges located in the mountains along the Gulf of Tadjoura's southern coast.

This arid locale requires rigorous planning in advance of exercises. U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Neil Loaiza, Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, has the responsibility of coordinating the use of the ranges between all U.S. service branches and international partners.

Loaiza explained that the Djiboutian military has allowed its international partners to use these mountain ranges as a training site for many years.

"The French first established the training

sites," said Loaiza. "Today, the ranges are very active, used by both U.S. forces and international partners who seek to train, qualify and sustain their qualifications on a variety of weapons systems."

The area has become a valuable asset to the melting pot of militaries in Djibouti, offering a suitable site for joint exercises and multinational training opportunities.

However, the site is not without its challenges. Safely navigating the rocky terrain to and from the ranges is always a priority. Vast areas of black volcanic stone limit vehicle transport options. The rocky dirt paths carved out by vehicle traffic are often washed away by brief flash floods. Rocks have punctured tires and steep inclines have proven difficult to navigate. The logistics of moving troops and equipment out to the range is a training experience within itself.

## FORSCOM in the news

The U.S. Army Reserve Command recently named its **Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year** at an awards ceremony on Fort Bragg, N.C.



After completing a two-year assignment as I Corps' Deputy Commanding General for Operations, a **Canadian Brig. Gen. is headed home.**



First Army Division West is preparing the Army National Guard's 35th Infantry Division for an **imminent deployment to the Middle East.**



Soldiers from the 21st Ordnance Company (EOD), were recently named **winners** of the 71st Ordnance Group (EOD) **Team of the Year** competition.



A 1st Infantry Division unit, was recently presented the Itschner Award as **the most outstanding Army Engineer Company** for the year.



## Javelin missile firing



**7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment** - Pvt. Jason Kelbaugh, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, fires a FGM-148 Javelin anti-tank missile during a training exercise at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, May 30, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Nicholas Vidro)



# TOP SHOTS

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**Right Staff Sgt. Terry Lawson**, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, launches a RQ-11 Raven unmanned aerial vehicle while conducting aerial reconnaissance during Exercise Combined Resolve VIII at Hohenfels, Germany, June 5, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nathaniel Nichols)



**Left Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Rodriguez** (left) and Staff Sgt. Thomas Lovins, infantry Soldiers with, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, troubleshoot an M249B squad assault weapon during a Combat Training Capability rotation on Fort Stewart, Ga., June 11, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Isaiah Matthews)



**Above Spc. Waziri Oshomah** (left), an artillery Soldier with 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, teaches counterparts from the Romanian 81st Mechanized Brigade on the M109A6 Paladin self-propelled howitzer during Exercise Combined Resolve VIII, June 12, 2017, Hohenfels, Germany. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Scott Walters)



**Above 1st. Sgt. Andre Bland**, A Company, 307th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, undergoes Jumpmaster Personal Inspection prior to an airborne operation at Fort Bragg, N.C., June 14, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by 2nd. Lt. Kenneth Herron)

**Left A Soldier** assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, fires an AT4 light anti-armor weapon during Exercise Iron Focus 17, May 22, 2017, at Orogrande, N.M. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Tarr)



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