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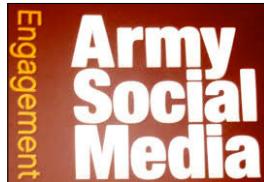
July 4th Military Appreciation Event
'I will always have your back'



There could be no greater privilege than to serve as your Commander-in-Chief. I pledge my unwavering support for you, for your families, and your missions. I will always have your back."

President Donald J. Trump
Washington, D.C.

On Point Army Social Media Resources



The U.S. Army uses social media as an interactive method of telling the Army story. Recently, continuing the effort to inform and educate, the Army launched a new social media microsite for social media managers, Soldiers, Families, and Army Civilians who communicate using organizational, professional and personal social media accounts. Office of the Chief of Public Affairs' Digital Media Division created the Army Social Media microsite to replace the previous 'Social Media Handbook' PDF. The new site provides policies, guidance, and recommendations to help all members of the Army family become more effective communicators.



Saber Guardian 2017

Exercise Saber Guardian 2017 is a U.S. European Command, U.S. Army Europe-led multinational exercise taking place in Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria from July 11-20 as part of the USEUCOM Joint Exercise Program.

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Building readiness: Soldiers assess, adapt to land combat



Soldiers with 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, prepare to enter a simulated town during Exercise Bayonet Focus at Yakima Training Center, Wa., June 24, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Northrup)

By Staff Sgt. Samuel Northrup, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 2ID

YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER, Wash. -- As the Army's number one priority, readiness means more than just the ability to spring into action for a quick fight. It also means being prepared to sustain operations in the field for as long as necessary, often in the midst of unfriendly terrain and an agile enemy.

To prepare for these rigors of sustained land combat, more than 6,000 Soldiers from 22 units across the Army and National Guard conducted Exercise Bayonet Focus 17-03, from June 15 - 29, at both the Yakima Training Center and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

The purpose of the exercise was to prepare the 2-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team for their upcoming National Training Center rotation at Fort Irwin, California, and was the largest exercise the 7th Infantry Division has conducted

since its reactivation in 2012.

The training included force-on-force engagements using MILES gear, blank ammo and simulation ordinance. Soldiers acting as role-players in multiple roles such as civilians, detainees, and reporters, and conducted live-fire training with small arms, vehicle-mounted weapons, Apache helicopters and artillery.

"Our mission is deploy, fight and win decisively anywhere and in order to do that we have to focus on our decisive action and mission essential tasks," said Maj. Gen. Thomas James, commanding general of 7th Infantry Division.

"The culminating training event is Bayonet Focus, where we focus on the brigade combat team and its attachments and subordinate units. We create an operational environment at Yakima Training Center that allows us to get after those mission essential tasks."

FORSCOM in the news

First Army Soldiers and civilians recently celebrated the **promotion of First Army's deputy commanding general for support** at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.



The Ga. Army National Guard's 3rd ID Main Command Post Operational Detachment, held a **departure ceremony** recently at Fort Stewart, Ga.



The Chief of U.S. Army Reserve Command Operations, Plans and Training, **retired in a recent ceremony** at Marshall Hall on Fort Bragg, N.C.



For the first time since the 2nd Infantry Division Artillery reactivation, the DIVARTY **massed 33 M777 Howitzers on a single target** at Yakima Training Center, Wash.



The Fort Drum community gathered recently to pay tribute to **more than 300** 10th Mountain Division Soldiers who made the **ultimate sacrifice** since 1992.



100 Years of Service



14th Public Affairs Detachment - Members of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard participate in a ceremony commemorating both the 4th Infantry Division and WWI's centennial year on Fort Carson, Colo., June 13, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Micah Merrill)

TOP SHOTS

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Above Capt. Alexander Eadie, a UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter pilot assigned to Task Force Warhawk, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, conducts pre-fight checks at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, June 21, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Brian Harris)



Above Soldiers assigned to A Company, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, practice room clearing, June 28, 2017, at Fort Bliss, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Killo Gibson)

Left A Soldier with 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, fires an 81mm mortar during Exercise Bayonet Focus at Yakima Training Center, Wash., June 26, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Northrup)

