

Senior Leaders Task No. 1 - Army readiness



"So our No. 1 task, bar none, remains readiness. That is our task. And I can tell you that it has never been more important than it is today."

– Gen. . Mark A. Milley
Chief of Staff, U. S. Army
Association of the U.S. Army
Eisenhower Luncheon
Oct. 10, 2017, Washington, D.C.

On Point Empowering Antiterrorism Coordinators

Antiterrorism Coordinators (ATCs) are designated staff who assist in the execution of antiterrorism plans and procedures at the local level. ATCs provide antiterrorism expertise at small units (company and below), standalone facilities, and for large headquarters' staff elements. ATCs are the natural evolution of the Army's antiterrorism program. For over 30 years, antiterrorism policy has defined requirements for protecting missions, people, and infrastructure against terrorist attacks. The Army antiterrorism policy has changed in response to the evolving threat of terrorism and terrorist tactics. The policy shifted from an installation focus to include all aspects of Army activities and operations to include off-installation soft targets such as recruiting and reserve centers.



Readiness = Fight Tonight!

Readiness remains the Army's top priority – Soldiers must always be ready to "Fight Tonight!." The Army must prepare the Total Army Force to meet global demands while remaining optimally postured for major contingencies that may require the ability to conduct the full range of military operations.



Progress continues as military aids Hurricane Maria recovery



Soldiers with the 6th Battalion, 101st General Support Aviation Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and from the 1st Armored Division, deliver food and water, Oct. 11, 2017, to Castaner, Puerto Rico. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Marcus Floyd)

By Jim Garamone, DoD News,
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON – Military personnel helping the people of Puerto Rico have made great progress since Hurricane Maria hit Sept. 20, said Army Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, the commander of ground forces on the island. However he added, the scale and scope of devastation caused by the storm was so great that much remains to be done.

"When I got here two weeks ago, we had 25 helicopters and 4,500 troops," the general said in a phone interview from the island. "Now we have 68 helicopters and 14,300 troops. We're getting a lot done, but we have a long way to go."

Hurricane Maria was devastating to Puerto Rico. Coming just two weeks after Hurricane Irma, about 80,000 residents were still without

electricity when Maria made landfall. It knocked down trees everywhere, and the heavy rain caused landslides, which cut off many communities in the interior of the island. Puerto Rico's electrical grid was destroyed in the storm, leaving the entire island without power.

The general has been working shoulder-to-shoulder with Puerto Rico's Gov. Ricardo Rossello and the Federal Emergency Management Agency team, he said.

Most of the troops in the U.S. commonwealth are logisticians, medical specialists and aviation specialists, Buchanan said. Military personnel are still getting food, water and fuel to the people who need it. "We bring supplies in [to the major ports] and we distribute to regional staging areas with FEMA," he said. "The Puerto Rican National Guard pushes it out from there."

FORSCOM in the news

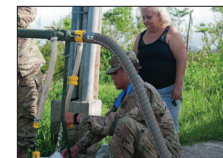
'First Team' troopers and Families gathered recently on Fort Hood, Texas for a **change of command and change of responsibility ceremony.**



During a recent 'Victory with Honors' Ceremony on Fort Riley, Kansas, **the new 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general for support** was welcomed.



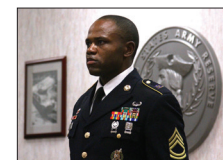
Soldiers with the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command from Fort Bragg, N.C., **purify water from 7 a.m. to midnight for the people of Puerto Rico.**



Aviation assets from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, **and first responders save elderly man's life** outside Fort Drum, N.Y.



The winner of the 2017 First Army Division East Best Warrior Competition **was announced in a ceremony** at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.



Clean water for Puerto Rico



24th Press Camp Headquarters - Soldiers from the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. help Hurricane Maria survivors get purified water at an "oasis" in Fortuna, Puerto Rico, October 14, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michael Eaddy)

TOP SHOTS

Here are the best photos from FORSCOM Public Affairs professionals world-wide. For more photos and information, click these photos or visit army.mil/forscom



Left 1st Lt. Kelsey Smith (left) and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Alexis Robertson (right) with the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade, deliver food and water to residents of Jayuya, Puerto Rico, who required the vital supplies following the damage from Hurricane Maria, October 14, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Tyson Friar)

Right Soldiers assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, fire a 60mm mortar at simulated enemy positions, Sept. 28, 2017, on Fort Campbell, Ky. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot)



Above Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, maneuver through the Military Operations in Urban Terrain training site - clearing buildings and establishing security at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 5, 2017, as part of Operation Desert Wall. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Leah R. Kilpatrick)



Above Sgt. Dong Moon, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, executes a litter carry course at the Medical Simulation Training Center during the "Iron Horse Best Medic" Competition at Fort Carson, Colo., Oct. 4, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Daniel G. Parker)

Left Soldiers with the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., provide water to residents in the Las Palmas sector of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Oct. 12, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donna Davis)



Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, AFCS-PA

Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command
4700 Knox St., Fort Bragg, NC 28310-5000
usarmy.bragg.forscom.list.pao-media-report-distro-list@mail.mil

The **U.S. Army Forces Command Frontline** is a weekly authorized newsletter highlighting FORSCOM-related news from the Army and commercial news media. The content is not necessarily the official views of—or endorsed by—the U.S. Government or Department of the Army. It is produced by the FORSCOM Public Affairs Office. To subscribe or submit articles and photographs, please use the contact information on the left or call our office at (910) 570-7217.



This week's
FORSCOM
PA Summary
(CAC required)