

Senior Leaders 'Warfare is changing...'



"We have to break ties with previous, unbreakable things that we thought were key components to a combat vehicle. We have to break from old think and think about the future."

— Gen. Robert B. Abrams
Commanding General, FORSCOM
March 26, Huntsville, Ala.

On Point Combat Support Training Exercise

Army Reserve Combat Support Training Exercises (CSTX) are tactical training scenarios specifically designed to replicate real-world missions, and prepare and validate the ability of Ready Force X units to quickly deploy to meet and engage peer and near-peer adversaries anywhere in the world. The Army Reserve will conduct four combat support training exercises from March to August, 2018 - Bridge Combat Support Training Exercise; Operation Lethal Warrior; Exercise Regional Medic; and Theater Opening Exercise.



Soldier Lethality

Soldiers and squads are the foundation of the decisive force. They must be organized, equipped, and trained with superior lethality, situational awareness, mobility and protection that provides the overmatch required to defeat capable and determined adversaries in complex operating environments.



Roving Sands teaches ADA units to remain vigilant



An armored Humvee moves along a dirt road near the White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico during the Roving Sands exercise, March 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Joe Lacdan)

By Joe Lacdan, Army News Service

WHITE SANDS, N.M. — On a vast stretch of desert in southern New Mexico, the Army unearthed a military exercise it had literally left in the dust some 13 years ago.

The Army resurrected the Roving Sands exercise earlier this month as part of an effort to remain vigilant against an array of potential world-wide aerial threats.

About 2,200 Soldiers from air defense artillery units out of Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Hood, Texas; and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, amassed in the foothills of New Mexico's Organ Mountains to take part in the exercise.

The Roving Sands exercise provides participating units a combat training center-like evaluation where they can simulate operations in an austere environment and refine their air defense

skills in preparation for real-world global response.

During the exercise, Soldiers wearing full body armor simulated combat operations as they would in an actual deployed location.

One aspect of Roving Sands that might have been new to some participating Soldiers was the austere nature of the operation. Unlike operations they may have been a part of in Iraq or Afghanistan, where deploying Soldiers could fall in on locations where combat operations had been ongoing for years, at Roving Sands, Soldiers fell in on nothing but sand.

"The difference between a steady state fight and the fight here at Roving Sands, is [that] logistics is not guaranteed," said Lt. Col. Haileyesus Bairu, an operations officer with the 32nd Air and Missile Defense Command, who was responsible for organizing the exercise.

FORSCOM in the news

A veteran who served with the First United States Army during World War II, was **honored for his military service** during a recent ceremony.



A combat medic with the 62nd Medical Brigade was recently selected to attend **the Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program** to become a doctor.



The Fort Drum Culinary Arts Team performed well recently by **earning 21 medals at the 43rd Joint Culinary Training Exercise** at Fort Lee, Va.



Soldiers from B Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, are **testing the latest M109A7 Paladin Howitzer upgrades**.



Troopers from the 3rd Cavalry Regiment completed a successful **14-day decisive-action rotation** recently at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.



82nd Airborne on parade



49th Public Affairs Detachment - Staff Sgt. Stephen Edgerton, drum major, leads the 82nd Airborne Division Band in the 36th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh, N.C., March 17, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Elvis Umanzor)

TOP SHOTS

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Right Lieutenants assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, work together to negotiate an obstacle on the All American Mile as part of the Janney Cup, an annual competition held to determine the brigade's top Lieutenant, March 9, 2018, on Fort Bragg, N.C. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Thomas Cieslak)

Left Soldiers with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), perform security during a JRTC rotation, March 13, 2018, at Fort Polk, La. (U.S. Army photo by Jean Dubiel)



Above Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, fight range fires during M1A2 Abrams tank gunnery operations, March 8, 2018, on Fort Carson, Colo. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Ganz)



Above An M109A self-propelled howitzer belonging to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fires a round towards simulated enemy targets during Dynamic Front 18 at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, March 5, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Dustin D. Biven)

Left A paratrooper assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, exits the 34-foot tower at the U. S. Army Advanced Airborne School on Fort Bragg, N.C. with a Stinger Missile Jump Pack, March 14, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Thomas Cieslak)



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