

Senior Leaders 'No place in our Army'

"Sexual harassment and sexual assault have no place in our Army. We expect everyone to remain committed to eliminating sexual harassment and sexual assault, on and off duty."

– FORSCOM CG, CSM
March 29, 2018
Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Point Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Each April, civilian and military communities observe Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month to raise awareness,

prevent sexual violence and provide essential support to survivors. Societal awareness of sexual harassment and sexual assault have soared in recent months as a result of misconduct charges sweeping across media, entertainment, and other industries. This year's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month observance reinforces opportunities for the Army to illustrate its progress and innovation in combating sexual violence in its formations.



Days of Remembrance for Victims of the Holocaust

The Holocaust was the persecution and murder of more than six million men, women, and children by the Nazi regime in the 1930s and 40s. Congress established Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust, observed this year from April 8th - 15th. The theme for this year is: **'Learning from the Holocaust: Legacy of Perseverance.'**



Army Secretary visits Fort Drum, 10th Mountain Division



Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper hosts a town hall meeting during his visit to Fort Drum, N.Y., where he answered questions from 10th Mountain Division Soldiers, March 29, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Keegan Costello)

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FORT DRUM, N.Y. – During his first visit to Fort Drum since being confirmed as the 23rd secretary of the Army, Dr. Mark T. Esper hosted a town hall event March 29 where he answered questions from 10th Mountain Division (LI) Soldiers on topics ranging from equipment procurement to growing the Army and training requirements.

Esper said that his top three priorities as Army secretary are readiness, modernization, and reform. He addressed these priorities at the AUSA Global Force Symposium on March 26 in Huntsville, Alabama, where he emphasized that modernization will include acquisition reform so that new weapons and capabilities will get into the hands of Soldiers faster and at less cost.

"There are two other things that I've identified that I call enduring priorities," he said. "They're unchanging, they're built into the fabric of our

Army. I know that during my 21 years of service, and I know in your time of service, they are very important."

The first is a commitment to take care of Soldiers, their Families and Department of the Army Civilians and to ensure that all have the quality of life they deserve. Second, Esper asked for a recommitment to the Army Values.

"Those are the themes that I emphasize whenever I talk to folks, and I've tried to spend a lot of time on the road, reacquainting myself with the Army and reassessing," he said.

One noncommissioned officer asked Esper what can be done to eliminate some of the mandatory online training that impedes Soldiers from conducting other warfighting training. Esper said that training reforms will address that and any additional duties that aren't related to increasing readiness and lethality.

FORSCOM in the news

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) recently held a **colors casing ceremony** where the division colors were cased in advance of a deployment to Afghanistan.



The 1st Armored Division recently held a **welcome home and retreat ceremony** as the division returned from a **nine-month deployment to Iraq**.



Soldiers with 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, recently fired their **new M1A1-SA Abrams Tanks** during gunnery on Fort Stewart, Ga.



Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division and Kershaw County, S.C. residents recently celebrated the **75th anniversary of the first mass parachute drop**.



Soldiers from 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, recently **conducted an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise**.



Safety training in Germany



22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment - Staff Sgt. Daryl Carrol (right), motor transport operator, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, helps a Soldier exit a Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Egress Trainer during a vehicle roll-over exercise at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, April 4, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Hubert D. Delany III)

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Right Spc. Austin Miller, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, conducts the pull-up portion of the Ranger Fitness Test during the 82nd Annual Gavin Cup, March 23, 2018, on Fort Bragg, N.C. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Christopher J. Gallagher)



Left Soldiers with 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, fire their main gun during unit gunnery, March 29, 2018, at Fort Stewart, Ga. This marked the first time 2nd ABCT Soldiers fired their new M1A1-SA Abrams Tanks since the brigade converted from a light to armored brigade combat team. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Leo Jenkins)



Above Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, prepare to load an UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter during exercise 'Iron Focus' at Fort Bliss, Texas, March 27, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Tyson Friar)



Above Col. Derek Thomson, commander, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), leads a formation during a parade in San Mateo, California, March 24, 2018, to celebrate a 50 year relationship between the 101st and cities of San Mateo County, Calif. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Martin Meiners)

Left Sgt. Patrick Cooperider, an infantryman with 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, conducts a fingerprint scan with the Biometrics Automated Toolset, March 26, 2018, during a ground defense area patrol in Kandahar, Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield)



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