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## Senior Leaders

### ‘Freedom is never free...’



“Memorial Day is our nation’s solemn reminder that freedom is never free. It is a moment of collective reflection on the noble sacrifices of those who gave the last measure of devotion in service of our ideals and in the defense of our nation.”

– Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
May 24, 2018, Washington

## On Point

### Memorial Day 2018

Memorial Day represents a day of national awareness and reverence, honoring the military men and women who gave their lives in defense of the nation and its values.



Memorial Day honors fallen service members while Veterans Day is an opportunity for Americans to publicly recognize living military veterans. The Army honors, remembers, and recognizes the ultimate sacrifice made by the fallen service members. Memorial Day is a call for the Army and the nation to remember, recognize, and honor the ultimate sacrifice made by fallen Soldiers. The Army honors the memory of those who served before and vows to carry on the legacy of the excellence of American Soldiers.

## Deployment Readiness

Deployment readiness is critical to the rapid projection of forces and materiel to achieve national objectives. Army units must be ready and able to deploy with their organic personnel and equipment anywhere in the world to support combatant commander requirements



## Locations selected for Security Force Assistance Brigades



Staff Sgt. Angela Kim, a combat medic assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, adjusts a tourniquet during a medical evacuation exercise for Afghan medical soldiers at the Regional Military Training Center-Kandahar in Kandahar, Afghanistan, May 8, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield)

### By U.S. Army Office of the Chief of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Army announced today the stationing of 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigades (SFAB) at Fort Hood, Texas; the 4th SFAB at Fort Carson, Colorado and 5th SFAB at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. SFABs are specialized units whose core mission is to conduct advise-and-assist operations with allied and partner nations.

“There will always be a need to help build allied or partnered forces, and the SFABs will take on this critical mission and allow brigade combat teams (BCT) to concentrate on preparing for potential full-spectrum combat operations against a near-peer adversary” said Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper.

The decision to station the SFABs at these three posts was based on strategic consider-

ations including projected time to activate and train an SFAB, presence of senior grade personnel to man the unit, and required facility costs. Their work will strengthen our allies and partners while supporting this nation’s security objectives and the combatant commanders’ warfighting needs.

“I think we’ll see a much better adviser capability built out of these brigades,” said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley. “Meanwhile, we’ll recoup the readiness value of bringing the regular [combat] brigades home to train for their regularly designed missions.”

The three new SFABs are the final three active duty units joining the 1st SFAB stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, and the 2nd SFAB at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The National Guard is still considering locations for its SFAB.

## FORSCOM in the news

Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, III Corps, **recently conducted a deployment exercise to go through all the steps of the deployment process.**



Soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division Artillery, recently conducted a field training exercise at Fort Campbell to **enhance their readiness for any future conflict.**



First Army recently hosted its’ **first warrant officer summit for all First Army brigades, as well as other commands,** at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.



Soldiers from the 20th CBRNE Command recently participated in **Exercise Prominent Hunt 18-1** conducted in Los Angeles and Burbank, Calif.



Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division recently **provided opposing force support to the 155th Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard** in N.M..



## III Corps Training



**7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment** - Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, III Corps, participated in a Deployment Readiness Exercise at III Corps’ motor pool, Fort Hood, Texas, April 23 - May 4, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Justin Geiger)

# 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](http://army.mil/forscom)



**Right** Staff Sgt. Steve Bok, 109th Battalion, 201st Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade, completes a workout during an M-9 stress shoot in the 2018 I Corps Best Warrior Competition at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., May 15, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kyle Larsen)

**Left** 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Soldiers provide over watch with a Browning M2 .50 caliber machine gun at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., May 11, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Justin May)



**Above** Spc. Bruce Holmes, a Paratrooper assigned to C Troop, 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, fires an M4 carbine during weapons qualification on Fort Bragg, N.C., May 8, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Alleea Oliver)



**Above** Spc. Justin Barnard, a cavalry scout assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, looks for opposing force soldiers during a field training exercise for Combined Resolve X at the Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, May 4, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Dustin D. Biven)

**Left** Soldiers across 10th Mountain Division work together to prepare 2nd Brigade Combat Team's equipment for movement during Mountain Strike, an emergency deployment readiness exercise, May 13, 2018, at Fort Drum, New York. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Angel Tomko)



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