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## Senior Leaders 'Appreciate our storied history'

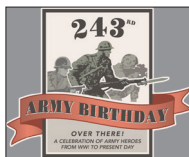


"Whether you are in uniform, an Army Civilian, or support our brave men and women as a Family member, thank you for your service. Happy Birthday, Army!"

— FORSCOM CG, CSM  
June 14, 2018  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

## On Point The U.S. Army's 243rd Birthday

The U.S. Army was established on June 14, 1775, and this year marks 243 years of continuous defense to the nation while commemorating and focusing on the ongoing WWI centennial milestones.



This year's Army birthday theme, **Over There! A Celebration of Army Heroes from WWI to Present Day**, allows the Army to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of the force. Army Civilians and Soldiers will continue to maintain the trust and confidence of the American people while adding to the proud legacy of the Army. The Army will remain ready to fight, and it will continue to adapt and modernize to remain the most lethal land force in the world.

## The Army Vision

The U.S. Army Vision is the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff's guidance for building a lethal Army to meet the nation's needs over the next ten years. The Army of 2028 will be ready to deploy, fight and win decisively, against any adversary, in a joint, multi-domain, high-intensity conflict.



## 82nd Airborne Division descends on the Baltics



Paratroopers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, move to an assembly area after conducting an airborne operation as part of Swift Response 18 near Rukla, Lithuania, June 9, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Andrew McNeil)

By Spc. Andrew McNeil, 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

RUKLA, Lithuania – Just over a century since they first stepped foot in Europe, members of the All American Division once again traversed the Atlantic Ocean to demonstrate their unique capabilities that few other units in the United States military can emulate.

Traveling aboard a C-17 Globemaster aircraft, elements of the 82nd Airborne Division conducted a non-stop flight from their home at Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Lithuania and Latvia where they parachuted into their respective tree-lined drop zones during the early morning hours on June 9.

"We flew over seven-thousand kilometers from our location in North Carolina, performed one aerial refuel and then dropped in here [Lithuania] with enough combat power and communi-

cations to reach back to our home station and partner nations," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Scott Pence, the commander in charge of the jump near Rukla, Lithuania.

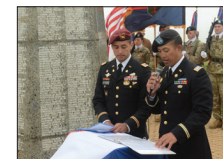
Pence and other members of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, jumped as part of the annual Swift Response training exercise.

Swift Response 18 featured airborne forces from nine nations, including Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"By working with our NATO allies and partner nations, we are able to maintain and strengthen our interoperability," said Pence. "Everytime we do an exercises like this and work with the Lithuanians, the Polish or Latvians, we are able to test our communication systems, our signals and also our battle tactics, techniques and procedures."

## FORSCOM in the news

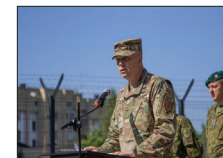
Soldiers from the "Big Red One", 1st Infantry Division, recently participated in the **74th D-Day Commemoration** in Normandy, France.



Soldiers from 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, recently conducted a **final training event with Polish Allies** during Combined Resolve.



The eighth annual NATO multinational **military exercise, Saber Strike 18** began recently after a ceremony in Vilnius, Lithuania.



The 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade recently held a **redeployment town hall** for Families of Soldiers scheduled to return from Afghanistan in July.



First Army medics recently found an innovative way to **mentor deploying medics of the Mississippi Army National Guard's 155th Armored Brigade** Combat Team.



## Remembering 'The Longest Day'



**19th Public Affairs Detachment** - Charles Shay (saluting), a "Big Red One" World War II Silver Star recipient, and other 1st Infantry Division veterans, salute the 1st Inf. Div. Monument on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, June 6, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Michael C. Roach)



# 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)



**Left** Ceremonial wreaths honoring allied airborne units who took part in Operation Overlord lay on the Airborne Spirit Monument, May 31, 2018, in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, France to pay homage to the memory of the Americans who helped win WWII. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard)

**Right** Spc. Rusty Tew, a combat medic with Mission Command Element, 1st Infantry Division, positions concertina wire around the tactical command post's area of operations during exercise Saber Strike 18 in Bemowo Piskie Training Area, Poland, May 28, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Dustin D. Biven)



**Above** Spc. Hayley Magrell, a water treatment specialist assigned to the 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, tests lake water pH levels prior to purifying it during exercise Saber Strike 18 on Adazi Base, Latvia, June 6, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Dustin D. Biven)



**Above** Soldiers from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment ride horses during the 59th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, Calif., May 19, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. David Edge)

**Left** Sgt. Christian Ladd, a combat medic assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, and two Afghan soldiers wait for an Mi-17 helicopter to land during a medical evacuation exercise hosted by soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Security Forces Assistance Brigade at Regional Military Training Center-Kandahar in Kandahar, Afghanistan, May 8, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield)



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